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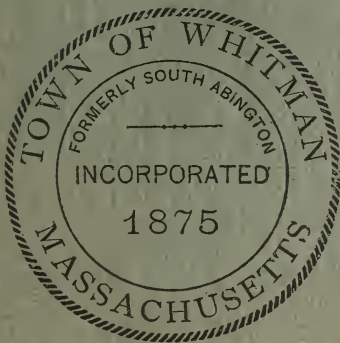
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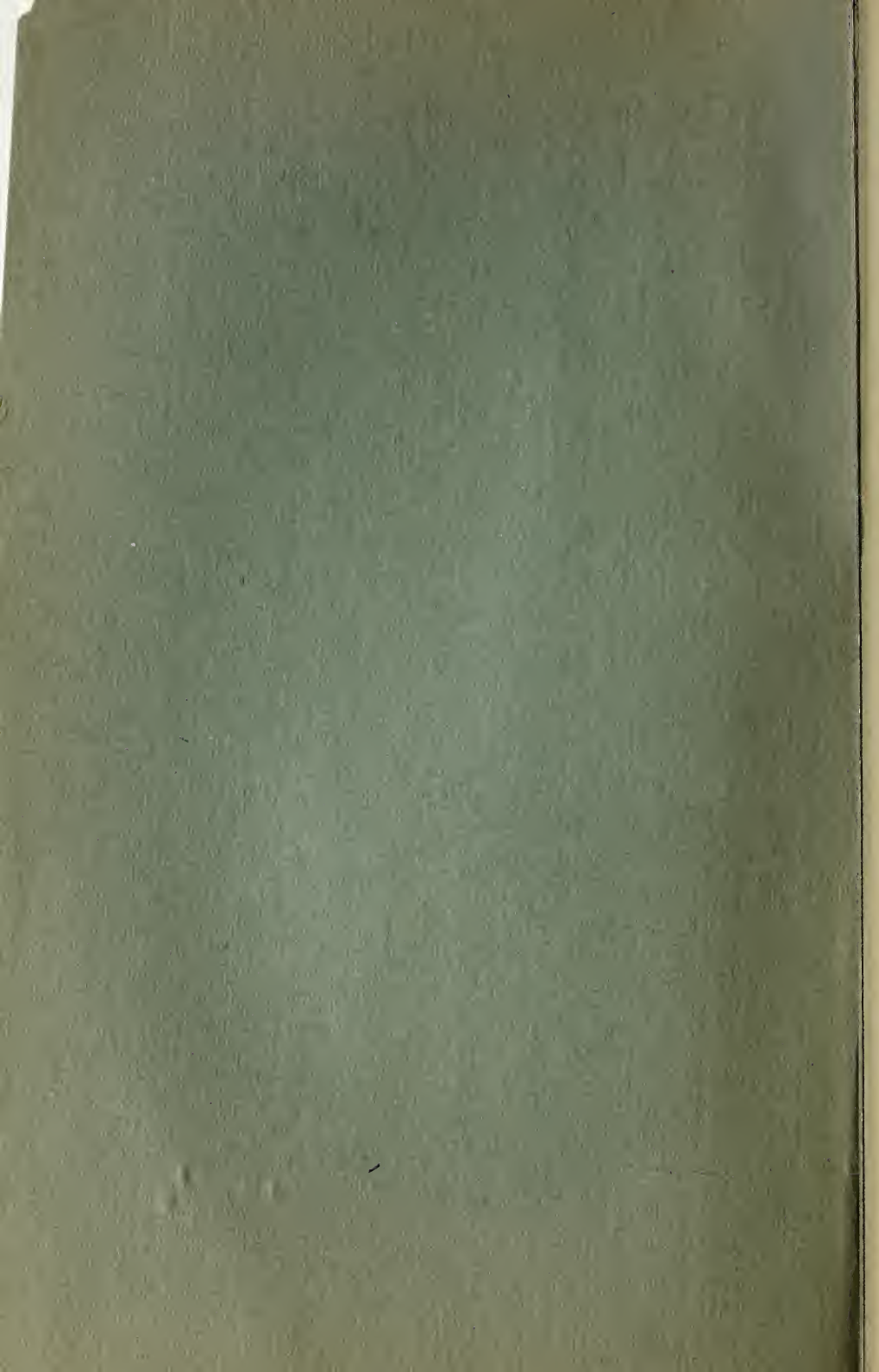
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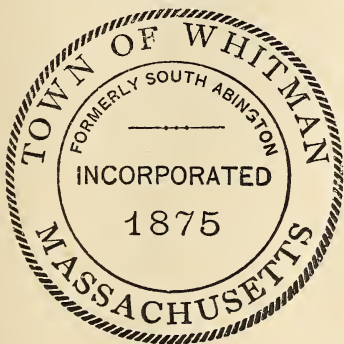
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## TOWN OFFICERS, 1908

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TOWN CLERK — Fred E. Sharp.

TOWN TREASURER — Benjamin C. Reed.

SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR — Charles E. Lovell, Timothy F. Kenneally, Benjamin C. Reed, Chairman.

ASSESSORS — Benjamin F. Peterson, (three years); Isaiah T. Churchill, Chairman, (two years); Arthur D. B. Butler, (one year).

SCHOOL COMMITTEE — Mrs. Eugenia F. Lovell, Chairman, (three years); Julius C. Gilbert, (two years); James E. Bates, (one year).

WATER COMMISSIONERS — Andrew R. McCallum, (three years); Julius C. Gilbert, (two years); Ernest C. Howard, Chairman, (one year).

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR — Aaron A. Healy.

BOARD OF HEALTH — Oscar A. Bemis, Chairman, (three years); George A. Edson, (two years); Lucius Cook, (one year).

PARK COMMISSIONERS — Alfred A. MacKeen, Chairman, (three years); William F. Coughlin, (two years); Everett E. Robbins, (one year).

COLLECTOR OF TAXES — Benjamin C. Reed.

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY — Edward J. Gaffney, Francis J. Hanley, (three years); George A. Dorr, Miss

Deborah A. Partridge, Chairman, (two years); Miss Lizzie B. Bosworth, Mrs. Eugenia F. Lovell, (one year).

CONSTABLES — William H. Churchill, Frank Erskine, Andrew R. McCallum, Foster J. Rand, Patrick H. Smith.

NIGHT WATCHMAN — Leroy L. Phinney.

POLICE — Patrick H. Smith, Chief; Andrew R. McCallum, Timothy F. Hayes, Leroy L. Phinney, Foster J. Rand, Levi Stetson, Francis B. Winslow.

AUDITORS — Elmer C. Cobb, G. Howard Soule.

FIELD DRIVERS — Robert A. Bruce, James S. Prouty.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER — Albert L. Faunce, Charles A. Larry.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK — Joseph Murphy, George E. Leavitt.

STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE — James T. Condon, James Holland, Lewis F. Trow.

FENCE VIEWERS — George A. Dorr, Harry H. Hovey.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS—Randall W. Cook, (three years); Baylies Wood, (two years); Patrick J. Callanan, (one year).

BURIAL AGENT — (Under Chap. 79, Revised Laws, 1901), James E. Bates.

INSPECTOR OF PROVISIONS AND ANIMALS — Owen F. Bumpus.

TOWN PHYSICIANS — O. A. Bemis, F. J. Hanley, Charles E. Lovell, A. A. MacKeen.

FIRE ENGINEERS AND FOREST FIRE WARDS — Charles Conant, Chief; Selwyn H. Staples, E. Clifton Taft.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES — William C. Gurney.

INSPECTOR OF WIRES — Charles Redding.

# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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## TOWN MEETINGS

MARCH 2 AND 7, 1908

### Article 1. To choose a moderator.

Benjamin F. Peterson was elected and after assuming the gavel spoke as follows: "Citizens of Whitman, allow me on this occasion to congratulate you that we meet 'under our own vine and fig tree with none to molest or make afraid.' While we rejoice in our new Town Hall we cannot soon forget the many pleasant memories which cluster around old Village Hall.

"Amid these new surroundings there is one familiar face we miss. For nearly a quarter of a century we have stood side by side in discharge of our duty at our town meetings. It is therefore with a sad heart I offer my tribute of affection to the memory of our late Town Clerk, George Henry Pearson, the faithful, the honest, the true.

"With your knowledge of common parliamentary rules and usage my experience teaches me that it is no small or easy task to serve you as a Moderator. It is, therefore, with a pardonable pride your attention is called to the fact that this meeting makes twenty-five consecutive years that I have had the honor of presiding over your annual deliberations. That you have appreciated my earnest endeavor to do my whole duty without fear or favor and for your general sympathy and co-operation with me in the discharge of these duties, you will please accept my heartfelt thanks."

Article 2. To hear the reports of the several Boards of Officers and Committees of the town and act thereon.

These reports were separately heard and accepted.

Article 3. To raise such sums as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.

The following sums were appropriated: —

Schooling proper .....	\$26,000
Textbooks and supplies—\$2,000 was appropriated; \$1,500 from money in the hands of the Treasurer and \$500 to be assessed this year.	
Superintendent of Schools .....	\$1,000
School incidentals .....	2,000
Repairs of highways, bridges and drains .....	5,000
Highway incidentals .....	500
Removing snow .....	500
Support of poor .....	65,00
Town officers and committees .....	3,500
Town incidentals .....	2,500
Abatement of taxes and collectors' fees .....	1,800
Police service .....	2,800
Water for 155 hydrants .....	3,100
New Hose .....	387
Tree Warden .....	250
Military aid, Chap. 381, Acts of 1904 .....	120
Soldiers' relief, Chap. 447, Acts of 1890 .....	1,800
Interest on temporary loans .....	3,000
Interest on permanent loans .....	4,560

Article 4. To see what method the town will adopt for the collection of taxes the ensuing year.

The town voted that on all taxes unpaid October 15, interest should be charged at the rate of six per cent.

Article 5. To see if the town will authorize the collector to use all means for the collection of taxes which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed collector.

The town voted to so authorize the collector.



Article 6. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow a sum of money not exceeding \$90,000 in anticipation of taxes the present year and payable therefrom.

The town voted to so authorize the treasurer.

Article 7. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the decoration of soldiers' graves.

\$150 was appropriated.

Article 8. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the Public Library.

\$2,000 was appropriated.

Article 9. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for Whitman Park.

\$850 was appropriated ; \$350 to be expended in erecting a bandstand.

Article 10. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for sidewalks.

\$800 was appropriated.

Article 11. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for lighting the streets.

\$5,000 was appropriated.

Article 12. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the current expenses of the Fire Department, and to compensate the members of said department.

\$1,200 was appropriated for current expenses and \$2,119 for compensation of members.

Article 13. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the water sinking fund.

\$2,500 was appropriated.

Article 14. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$9,000 to pay town notes due the current year.

\$9,000 was appropriated.

Article 15. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for medical inspection of the schools under Chapter 502, Acts of 1906.

Passed over.

Article 16. To see if the town will re-appropriate the sum of \$300 to build the extension of Central street according to the plans of the layout accepted by the town May 22, 1902.

\$300 was re-appropriated.

Article 17. To see if the town will re-appropriate the sum of \$800 to build Benson street according to the plans of the layout accepted by the town July 8, 1907.

\$800 was re-appropriated.

Article 18. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to build concrete sidewalks. (On petition.)

\$1,000 was appropriated.

Article 19. To see if the town will accept a town way as laid out by the Selectmen leading from South avenue to Broad street, and known as Marble street.

Town voted to accept said way.

Article 20. To see if the town will instruct the Highway Surveyor to put the road on Winter street, from George street to the residence of W. H. Gay, in proper condition, also to build a sidewalk and make an appropriation for the same. (On petition.)

Town voted to so instruct the Highway Surveyor and to appropriate \$400.

Article 21. To see if the town will build or repair the sidewalk beginning on the south side of South avenue, near the store of H. C. Cleveland, to Washington street, thence on the east side of Washington street from South avenue to Broad street, and make an appropriation for the same. (On petition.)

Town voted to rebuild or repair said sidewalk and appropriated \$500.

Article 22. To hear the report of the Town Hall Building Committee, and act thereon.

The report of this committee was heard, approved and unanimously accepted as a report in part; a vote of thanks was extended to them for their services; to Mr. H. H. Hovey for the gift of the flag and staff and to Mr. Baylies Wood for the gift of the stage curtain.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money, not exceeding \$4,000, to pay the balance due on the Town Hall and to complete the unfinished work on the same.

\$4,000 was appropriated

Article 24. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to pay the running expenses of the Town Hall.

Town voted to use the income from the renting of the Town and Banquet Halls to pay running expenses.

Article 25. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the suppression of the gipsy and brown-tail moths.

\$1,575 was appropriated.

Article 26. To see what action the town will take in relation to providing more school accommodations.

Referred to a committee of three in addition to the School Committee: Charles D. Dyer, Maurice E. Kane and Walter E. Trufant.

Article 27. To see if the town will instruct its Board of Selectmen to require the different departments to pay for rent and lighting of the rooms which they occupy in the Town Hall building. (On petition.)

Town voted to instruct the Selectmen to require the departments to pay as aforesaid, equal to what they have previously paid, using \$1,200 as a basis for rental.

Article 28. To see if the town will instruct its Board of Selectmen to appoint an Inspector of Wires in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 122, Section 18 of the Revised Laws. (On petition.)

The Selectmen were so instructed.

Article 29. To see if the town will accept the provisions of Chapter 103 of the Revised Laws for the supervision of plumbing. (On petition.)

Town voted not to accept. Yes, 49; No, 71.

Article 30. To see if the town will accept the provisions of Chapter 104 of the Revised Laws for the inspection of buildings. (On petition.)

Town voted not to accept. Yes, 45; No, 85.

Article 31. To see what action the town will take, if any, in regard to closing the station at Auburnville and locating the company in Central Station, as recommended by the Fire Engineers in their report.

Passed over.

Article 32. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$175 for the repairs of Hose-house No. 2 at Auburnville.

\$175 was appropriated.

Article 33. To see if the town will vote to purchase a chemical fire engine to be placed in the Central Station, and make an appropriation to pay for the same.

\$1,500 was appropriated.

Article 34. To see if the town will vote to purchase a combination wagon to be placed in the East Side Station, and make an appropriation to pay for the same.

Passed over.

Article 35. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to employ Town Counsel, and make an appropriation for the same.

Town voted not to employ counsel.

Article 36. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to purchase a piano for the Town Hall and appoint a purchasing committee.

Town appropriated \$565 and appointed Fred E. Sharp, Frank E. Freeman and William A. Bowles as committee.

Article 37. To see if the town will vote to purchase a canvas covering for the floor of the auditorium of the Town Hall and appoint a purchasing committee. (On petition.)

\$325 was appropriated.

Article 38. To see if the town will vote to establish a fire-alarm box near the corner of Park avenue and Alden street, the exact location of the box to be designated by the Board of Fire Engineers, and make an appropriation to pay for the same.

Town voted to establish and appropriated \$75.

Article 39. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$100, provided the towns of Abington and Rockland appropriate respectively an equal sum, toward copying for the state archives and for publication by the New England Historic Genealogical Society of Boston, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 1170 of the Acts of 1902, the Vital Records of Abington to the year 1850. (On petition.)

Town voted to appropriate \$100 as provided above.

Article 40. To see if the town will grant a location on Whitman Park for a Soldiers' Monument, said location to be subject to the approval of the Park Commissioners.

Town voted to grant location.

Article 41. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to pay for security bonds for town officers.

Town voted to appropriate \$125.



## MARCH 7

Article 42. To vote for town officials; on the license question, and to choose all necessary town officers.

Total number of ballots.....	1,450
“ male votes cast.....	1,241
“ female votes cast.....	209

## TOWN CLERK (for one year)

Fred E. Sharp* .....	1,078
Scattering .....	5
Blanks.....	158

## TOWN TREASURER (for one year)

Benjamin C. Reed*.....	1,006
Scattering .....	5
Blanks .....	230

SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR  
(for one year)

Benjamin S. Atwood.....	471
C. Waldo Dyer.....	198
Obed H. Ellis .....	349
Timothy F. Kenneally*.....	638
Herbert F. Litchfield .....	252
Charles E. Lovell* .....	661
Benjamin C. Reed*.....	679
Scattering ....	2
Blanks .....	473

## ASSESSOR (for three years)

Joseph Murphy.....	414
Benjamin F. Peterson* .....	469
Clarence A. Randall.....	274
Blanks .....	84

## ASSESSOR (for two years)

Isaiah T. Churchill*.....	663
Harry Stanley.....	413
Scattering .....	1
Blanks .....	164

## ASSESSORS (for one year)

Arthur D. B. Butler*.....	546
William H. Easterbrook.....	528
Scattering .....	1
Blanks .....	166

## HIGHWAY SURVEYOR (for one year)

Charles D. Dyer .....	564
Aaron Healy* .....	599
Blanks .....	78

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE (for three years)

Helen G. Bonney .....	547
Mrs. Eugenia F. Lovell* .....	833
Scattering .....	1
Blanks .....	69

## WATER COMMISSIONER (for three years)

Andrew R. McCallum*.....	996
Scattering .....	6
Blanks .....	239

## TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

(for three years)

Edward J. Gaffney*.....	842
Francis J. Hanley* .....	835
Blanks .....	805

## PARK COMMISSIONER (for three years)

John E. Andrews .....	527
Alfred A. MacKeen* .....	551

## PARK COMMISSIONER (for two years)

William F. Coughlin*	594
Albion D. Hutchinson	258
Lewis F. Trow	225
Scattering	2
Blanks	162

## PARK COMMISSIONER (for one year)

Everett E. Robbins*	647
Walter E. Trufant	369
Scattering	2
Blanks	223

## CONSTABLES (for one year)

Albert L. Brouillard	527
William H. Churchill*	539
Henry S. Durfee	146
George A. Edson	514
Frank Erskine*	641
Timothy F. Hayes	479
Andrew R. MacCallum*	837
Foster J. Rand*	773
Patrick H. Smith*	642
Scattering	5
Blanks	1,102

## BOARD OF HEALTH (for three years)

Oscar A. Bemis*	914
Scattering	6
Blanks	321

## COLLECTOR OF TAXES (for one year)

Benjamin C. Reed*	1,015
Scattering	3
Blanks	223

## AUDITORS (for one year)

Elmer C. Cobb* .....	820
G. Howard Soule* .....	854
Scattering .....	5
Blanks .....	805

## TREE WARDEN (for one year)

Clarence A. Randall* .....	894
Scattering .....	7
Blanks .....	339

## SHALL LIQUOR LICENSES BE GRANTED?

Yes .....	445
No .....	706
Blanks .....	90

## FIELD DRIVERS

James S. Prouty

Robert A. Bruce

## SURVEYORS OF LUMBER

Charles A. Larry

Albert A. Faunce

## MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK

Joseph Murphy

George Leavitt

## STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

James Holland

Lewis E. Trow

James T. Condon

## FENCE VIEWERS

Harry H. Hovey

George A. Dorr

Voted to pay Moderator \$35.

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\*Officers elected.

## TOWN MEETING, APRIL 1, 1908.

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

Benjamin F. Peterson was chosen moderator.

Article 2. To hear the report of the committee chosen at the last annual meeting to investigate the need of more school accommodations and to act thereon.

The committee made a majority and a minority report. Report accepted and committee discharged. The town then voted to reconsider the question and substituted the report of the minority, this report favoring the Gurney School plan.

Article 3. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money not exceeding \$15,000 for the purpose of building and furnishing a four-room school building on the Corthell lot, according to the plan recommended by the committee; the same to be paid for by \$4,000 receivable from insurance companies for insurance on the old building; the balance by town notes. The first note to be paid in the year 1909 and one each year thereafter until paid, and to choose a building committee.

\$14,500 was appropriated; \$4,000 to come from insurance, the balance from town notes.

A committee of five, Albert Whitmarsh, Obed H. Ellis, Maurice Kane, Walter E. Trufant and Charles D. Dyer, was appointed to act as a building committee, the School Committee to act as an advisory committee if necessary.

Article 4. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow on the credit of the town a sum of money to build a four-room school building on the Corthell lot on Whitman Avenue, the said loan to be paid in equal annual instalments, the first instalment payable in the year 1909 and one each year thereafter until paid.



It was voted to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow on the credit of the town, the sum of \$10,500 to build a four-room school building on the Corthell lot on Whitman Avenue, the said loan to be paid by ten town notes of \$1,050 each, the first note to be paid in 1909 and one each year thereafter until paid.

Article 5. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to complete stable in Central Fire Station.

\$490 was appropriated.

### TOWN MEETING, AUGUST 31, 1908

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

Benjamin F. Peterson was elected moderator.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to accept a Soldiers' monument to be erected on Whitman Park by the citizens of the town and place the same in the care of the Park Commissioners.

Town voted unanimously to accept.

It was informally voted to extend to Geo. A. Custer, Camp No. 11, S. of V., a vote of thanks and appreciation for the gift to the town of the Soldiers' monument.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to grade around the Soldiers' monument to be erected on Whitman Park.

\$250 was appropriated.

Article 4. To see if the town will instruct the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for an act to repeal so much of Chapter 152 of the Acts of the year of 1883 as places the Sinking Fund in the hands of the Water Commissioners; and to pass an Act authorizing the town to choose a separate board to have charge of the Water Sinking

Fund and such other Sinking Funds as the town may create in the future.

The town voted to so instruct.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to place a tablet containing the names of the Town Hall building committee, architect and contractor, and such other data as the town may think advisable in said Town Hall; choose a committee to procure the same, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for this purpose.

Indefinitely postponed.

## STATE AND PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 3, 1908

Total number of votes cast.....1,405

### PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT

Bryan and Kern, Democrat.....	332
Chafin and Watkins, Prohibition.....	18
Debs and Hanford, Socialist.....	82
Gilhaus and Munro, Socialist Labor.....	0
Hisgen and Graves, Independence League .....	93
Taft and Sherman, Republican.....	812

### GOVERNOR

James F. Carey, Socialist.....	84
Eben S. Draper, Republican.....	670
Walter J. Hoar, Socialist Labor.....	2
William N. Osgood, Independence League .....	106
James H. Vahey, Democrat.....	432
Willard O. Wylie, Prohibition.....	30
Blanks .....	8

### LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR

Charles J. Barton, Democrat.....	352
Joao Claudino, Socialist Labor.....	6

Louis A. Frothingham, Republican.....	711
John Hall, Jr., Socialist .....	84
Robert J. McCartney, Independence League.....	107
Frank N. Rand, Prohibition.....	25
Blanks .....	120

### SECRETARY

James F. Aylward, Democrat.....	302
Herbert L. Griffin, Prohibition.....	26
George Nelson, Socialist Labor.....	14
William M. Olin, Republican.....	710
Squire E. Putney, Socialist.....	85
John F. Williams, Independence League.....	89
Blanks .....	179

### TREASURER

Charles E. Butterworth, Independence League....	97
Arthur B. Chapin, Republican.....	704
Henry C. Hess, Socialist Labor .....	7
Charles C. Hitchcock, Socialist.....	92
Edward Kendall, Prohibition.....	26
Erwin H. Kennedy, Democrat .....	290
Blanks .....	189

### AUDITOR

Frank Bohmbach, Socialist Labor .....	3
John E. Dempsey, Independence League .....	90
George G. Hall, Socialist.....	104
Wilbur D. Moon, Prohibition .....	22
Henry E. Turner, Republican.....	704
Simeon Viger, Democrat .....	270
Blanks .....	212

### ATTORNEY GENERAL

Henry M. Dean, Prohibition.....	25
Elliot C. Harding, Socialist Labor.....	16
Dana Malone, Republican .....	672

John McCarty, Socialist.....	108
Richard J. Talbot, Independence League .....	88
John Alden Thayer, Democrat .....	303
Blanks .....	193

### CONGRESSMAN (Fourteenth District)

George J. Alcott, Socialist.....	113
Charles B. Drew, Independence League .....	107
William C. Lovering, Republican.....	679
Eliot L. Packard, Democrat .....	336
Scattering .....	1
Blanks .....	219

### COUNCILLOR (First District)

George A. Beedem, Socialist.....	107
Charles O. Brightman, Republican.....	703
Edward J. Cantwell, Independence League .....	93
George L. Olivier, Democrat.....	283
Blanks .....	219

### SENATOR (First Plymouth District)

Thomas H. Dunn, Socialist.....	107
Orion L. Griswold, Prohibition.....	75
Melvin S. Nash, Republican .....	647
Benjamin F. Peterson, Democrat .....	363
Elmer L. Smith, Independence League .....	64
Blanks .....	149

### REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

#### (Fifth Plymouth District)

Wallace E. W. N. Arnold, Democrat.....	509
Henry C. Colson, Republican .....	664
Lawson H. Comee, Socialist .....	96
Lyman E. Hall, Prohibition.....	16
Blanks .....	120

## COUNTY COMMISSIONER (Plymouth)

Edward C. Cole, Socialist .....	163
Jere B. Howard, Republican.....	664
Nathaniel B. Morton, Democrat.....	326
Blanks .....	208

REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY  
(Plymouth County)

Herbert N. Alden, Socialist.....	116
Sumner A. Chapman, Republican.....	717
Chester W. Ford, Democrat.....	297
Edward F. Hall, Independence League.....	77
Blanks .....	198

TOTAL VOTE FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN  
GENERAL COURT IN THE FIFTH  
PLYMOUTH DISTRICT

Wallace E. W. N. Arnold.....	1,196
Henry C. Colson .....	983
Lawson H. Comee .....	149
Lyman E. Hall .....	33
Blanks .....	170
Whole number of ballots.....	2,531



## MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN WHITMAN IN 1908

January 8. James Thomas Beary of Whitman and Elizabeth Alice Gaucher of East Bridgewater.

January 29. Roy C. Drake of Whitman and Myrtie G. Bates of Hanson.

January 29. William August Wolforth and Amy Frances Curry, both of Whitman.

February 6. William Oliver Casey of Middleboro and Sarah Agnes Hanley of Whitman.

February 12. James F. Reardon and Verda Mary Baker, both of Whitman.

February 15. Charles J. Lamb and Stella May Cannon, both of Whitman.

February 19. Leon E. Wood and Rebecca Porter, both of Whitman.

February 20. Arthur W. Baldwin and Maud Ethel Hill, both of Whitman.

February 27. Charles H. Crocker of Whitman and Lily Florence McCrea of Eudora, Kansas.

February 27. George A. Perkins of Brockton and Nellie C. Downey of Whitman.

March 11. Benjamin Hammond of Whitman and Rebecca Cora Grant of North Cambridge.

March 12. John T. Clark of Whitman and Agda W. Lignell of North Easton.

March 25. John Monegan and Helen Boardman, both of Whitman.

April 7. Henry W. Brown of Sandwich and Clarinda A. Leavitt of Whitman.

April 15. Sidney E. Leavitt and Verna M. Bowles, both of Whitman.

- April 21. Joseph M. Greaney of Whitman and Eva May Boylan of Medford.
- April 28. Leonard H. Vittum of Tamworth, N. H., and Laura Isabel Hutchinson of Whitman.
- April 30. David Vinson O'Brien of Whitman and Elizabeth Helena Sullivan of Rockland.
- May 7. Peter A. Gobble and Amanda Piche, both of Whitman.
- May 7. Wilbur Tanner of Dorchester and Myrtle L. McAllister of Whitman.
- May 12. Albert S. Coughlin and Annie L. Crowley, both of Whitman.
- May 16. Lantz G. Osborne and Alice G. Whitmore, both of Whitman.
- May 18. Stanley Paulin of Rockland and Mary Elizabeth Mylot of Whitman.
- May 20. Ralph H. Soper of East Bridgewater and Bernice Clinton Keene of Whitman.
- May 23. Robert McCallum and Winifred Latham Clement, both of Whitman.
- May 25. William A. Green of East Bridgewater and Elsie Scott Leavitt of Whitman.
- June 9. James McDermott and Mary McAvoy, both of Whitman.
- June 10. P. William Eddy of Gill, Vt., and Bertha J. Fletcher of Whitman.
- June 21. Nelson M. Tirrell and Mary E. Cole, both of Whitman.
- June 23. Irving Weston Nightingale of Plymouth and Ina Elizabeth Ramsdell of Whitman.
- June 25. John M. B. Mea and Annie E. Shean, both of Whitman.

- June 28. Sam Adleman and Jennie Fledermaus, both of Whitman.
- June 30. Horace Coleman Washburn and Hattie Woodington Norton, both of Whitman.
- July 3. William A. Freeman of Whitman and Rosie L. Jahn of East Bridgewater.
- July 4. George R. Winslow of Whitman and Lucy J. Pepper of Spencer.
- July 6. William E. Osborne and Laura Evelyn Chapin, both of Whitman.
- July 15. William A. McPhillips and Alphonsin E. Brouillard, both of Whitman.
- July 27. Leonard O. Dobson and Flora L. Irving, both of Whitman.
- August 31. Louis L. Ladouceur of Whitman and Mary Rose Paul of Hanson.
- September 7. Edmund E. Mossey, Jr., of Easton and Leah A. LeBlanc of Whitman.
- September 9. Frank I. Hayward of Brockton and Amy Florence Collins of Whitman.
- September 12. William H. Hardwick of Whitman and Sadie L. Chapin of Boston.
- September 15. Arthur L. Mather of Brockton and Gertrude Mae Cobb of Whitman.
- September 19. Samuel Monegan of Whitman and Marie Hayden Raymond of Rockland.
- September 20. Carleton F. Lewis of Weymouth and Ethel S. Bailey of Whitman.
- September 27. Herbert Orville Collins of Whitman and Helen Ione Adams of Rockland.
- September 30. Dowson J. Burke and Mary J. Finley, both of Whitman.

- October 2. John J. Hannigan and Rosie Arseneau, both of Whitman.
- October 3. Harold C. Chase and Ina L. Bailey, both of Whitman.
- October 7. William B. Ellis of Brockton and Grace L. Ford of Whitman.
- October 8. Horace W. Bonney and Florence G. Clark, both of Whitman.
- October 14. Joseph Ernest Vaughan of Whitman and Myrtle F. Stiggins of Beverly.
- October 21. Bernard Lundbohn of Brockton and Albina Ladouceur of Whitman.
- October 22. Michael J. Kenneally of Whitman and Ellen A. Nash of Brockton.
- October 26. Harry Hardwick and Ellen N. Warner, both of Boston.
- October 27. Benjamin P. Sturtevant of Whitman and Marion F. Phillips of Hanson.
- October 28. Henry Lloyd Murphy of Whitman and Mary Augusta Robbins of Abington.
- October 28. Louis T. Pina of Brockton and Eliza Fields of Whitman.
- November 4. Herman R. Genthner and Malona L. Parker, both of Whitman.
- November 9. Edward K. Heywood and Lena May Dorey, both of Whitman.
- November 10. Lester N. Young of Whitman and Lillian H. Hedican of Brockton.
- November 12. Arthur L. Young and Edythe Marion Brown, both of Whitman.
- November 14. Erwin H. Frost and Kittie C. Walsh, both of Whitman.

- November 16. Charles Ellsworth Smith of Whitman and Laura Cushing Thomas of Hanover.
- November 26. Maurice A. Thompson of Brockton and Annie M. James of Whitman.
- December 16. Howard F. Farrington of Whitman and Annie T. Jones of Brockton.
- December 24. Leon F. Stetson of Whitman and May A. Thomas of Marshfield.
- December 24. Edwin White and Mary M. View, both of Whitman.
- December 25. Allei Donovitz of Whitman and Millie Saf-  
fran of Boston.
- December 26. Albert C. Beauchemin and Mary April, both of Whitman.



# BIRTHS REGISTERED IN WHITMAN IN 1908

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DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAMES OF PARENTS	MAIDEN NAME
1906			
September 16	Dorris Lockwood Nutter.....	Ezra S. and Mina E.....	Bradford
1907			
January 8	Sylvia Howard Chandler .....	Henry W. and Maud.....	Stranger
" 28	Charles H. Rayment .....	Frank H. and Ruth A. ....	Sanford
May 9	Bruce Thayer Adams .....	Will H. and Emily S.....	Thayer
October 8	Edward Lewis Stevens .....	Harold P. and Susie L.....	Taft
December 8	— Stetson.....	Francis W. and Josephine.....	Perry
1908			
January 2	Edna Williams Sturtevant ....	Emery W. and Edith W.....	White
" 4	Franz Rudolph Fontaine .....	Jeremie and Mary A. ....	Mathieu
" 11	Ansell Bartlett Grose .....	Herbert D. and Idella B.....	Shaw
" 15	Ilene Mary O'Brien .....	Michael W. and Nellie A.....	Condon
" 17	Kenneth Earle Bell .....	George and Mary A. ....	Rolt
" 19	James Henry Orcutt .....	Charles F. and Agnes E.....	LaFond
" 21	Edith Melvalene Kilroy .....	Richard T. J. and Cora E.....	Terry
" 21	Florence Marie Peck .....	Harry C. and Lucy. ....	O'Connell
" 22	Frank C. Wright .....	Harry and Lydia M.....	Alden
" 25	George Henry Morgan .....	John O. and Faustina M.....	Mellor

## BIRTHS — (CONTINUED)

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF PARENTS	MAIDEN NAME
January 26	William Howard Frasier.....	Howard A. and Minnie.....	Harris
" 26	Affie Holley Millet.....	Frank H. and Edith E.....	Lincoln
" 26	Robert Edward Keene.....	Robert F. and Lena H.....	Loud
" 27	Frank Wesley Dolloff.....	Albert and Sarah M.....	Coville
" 30	Earle Kingsley Rogerson.....	Harry and Elizabeth V.....	Easter
" 30	Josephine Frances Totman....	Charles W. and Nellie F.....	Litchfield
February 1	John T. Mann, Jr.....	John T. and Martha P.....	Hughes
" 2	Willard Melvin Fullerton.....	Willard E. and Alice L.....	Washburn
" 7	Hugh Francis McGlone.....	John and Lizzie.....	O'Brien
" 9	Walter Freeman Estes.....	William L. and Josie M.....	Keene
" 10	John Weston Bowker, Jr....	John W. and Elva L.....	Estes
" 11	Clyde Silvester Brown.....	Elmer C. and M. Beulah.....	Wagner
" 14	George Franklin Atwood.....	John F. and Mary A.....	West
" 16	Ruby Wetmore Hughson.....	George F. and Louisa M. C....	Knappe
" 21	Norton Lovett Goodwin.....	Harold W. and Annie M.....	Lovett
" 22	Gilman Allen Randall.....	Ray A. and Ida M.....	Coots
March 3	Annie Elizabeth Kenneally....	Patrick and Annie E.....	Pendergast
" 3	Ellen Coyne.....	John and Elizabeth.....	April
" 8	Ruth Evelyn Curry.....	Nathaniel D. and Persis A....	Hutchinson
" 9	John Eugene Burns.....	John H. and Marjorie A.....	Callahan
" 12	Harold Alphonse Derocher....	Alphonse and Lillian.....	Hebert

March	18	Hazel Freeman Kent.....	Harrison H. and Ada J.....	Morse
"	21	Alden Rupert Nutter.....	Ezra S. and Mina E.....	Bradford
"	26	Rose Evelyn Cohan.....	Harry A. and Della.....	Jones
"	26	Catherine Frances Wheland...	Gerald J. and Catherine.....	Concannon
"	27	Helen Reabina Woodbury....	James H. and Alice E.....	McCleery
April	2	Mary Louise Cannon.....	Francis E. and Mary E.....	Blute
"	3	Frederick Corliss.....	Hiram and Margaret V.....	Reardon
"	5	Eleanor Carney Murphy.....	Edward and Margaret E.....	Carney
"	7	Michael Joseph Mannering...	James and Joanna.....	Fleming
"	7	Clarence Morton Parkman....	William and Lenora.....	Randall
"	9	Earl Wilson Beleher.....	Almy O. and Eva M.....	Ford
"	11	Albert Francis Griswold.....	James and Catherine E.....	Swift
"	11	Ann Hayes.....	Patrick and Mary.....	Holland
"	11	Agnes Hayes.....	Patrick and Mary.....	Holland
"	12	Alice Jennie Moody.....	Fred M. and Minnie E.....	Cunningham
"	17	Merle Forrester Josselyn....	Asa H. and Fannie.....	Jackson
"	17	Marion Esther Prouty.....	Walter and Blanche M.....	Jackson
"	21	Burton Francis Blute.....	John F. and H. Augusta.....	Pratt
"	21	Leona May Shanks.....	Roy and Bessie O.....	Cassidy
"	24	Henry Rosen.....	Samuel and Sarah.....	Simkin
"	25	Dorothy Alice Donahue.....	Frank J. and Edith M.....	Appleford
"	25	Agnes Theresa Connolly.....	James T. and Mary E.....	Kenneally
"	25	Francis May Thurston.....	Frank A. and Jennie M.....	Estes
May	2	Enne Moskovitz.....	Jacob and Polly.....	Berelovitz
"	9	Richard Curry Stetson.....	M. Sumner and Alice L.....	Curry
"	10	Carleton Raymond Park.....	George C. and Annie F.....	Gardner
"	10	Wendell Norris Miles.....	Norris and Ethel.....	Eddlund

## BIRTHS — (CONTINUED)

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF PARENTS	MAIDEN NAME
May	11	Burleigh Willis Carr.....	Willis
"	12	Arthur Napoleon Angie.....	Ladouceur
"	13	Donald Packard Gurney.....	Packard
"	19	Ezra Blanchard Keene.....	Corlew
"	20	Richard Chauncy Thorburn..	Dodge
"	25	Blanche Alice Marrow.....	Custillow
"	28	Charles Henry Ford.....	Freeman
June	9	Roy Whiting Johnson.....	Hesselberg
"	12	Lawrence Francis Mahoney...	Plouffe
"	15	Lorrimer Bates Jenkins.....	Bates
"	19	Ralph Kenneth Frederick Beal.	Elford
"	24	Robley Wilson Nash.....	Howland
"	29	Bennie Rosen.....	Berman
"	30	Marion Frances Lyon.....	Hobart
July	2	Wilfred Osborne Baker.....	Osborne
"	2	Theodore Francis Collins....	Brown
"	6	Dorothy Caroline Freeman...	Packard
"	9	William Joseph Lamb.....	Cannon
"	10	Virginia Yvette Leveque.....	Dugan
"	10	Edna Catharine Leveque.....	Dugan
"	23	Erving Shaw.....	McLean
		Ernest B. and Flora S.....	
		Napoleon and Almira.....	
		Allston D. and Fannie E.....	
		Thomas B. and Nettie L.....	
		John A. and Mattie B.....	
		Thomas and Ann I.....	
		John W. and Grace H.....	
		Leon R. and Avis A.....	
		Thomas F. and Ida M.....	
		Fred O. and Winifred E.....	
		Melbourn and Caroline O....	
		Wilson and Margie F.....	
		John and Mamie G.....	
		Charles A. and Alice M.....	
		Howard S. and Mary I.....	
		Fraser B. and Lillian M.....	
		Robert A. and Maud E.....	
		Charles J. and Stella M.....	
		Sylvian and Minnie E.....	
		Sylvian and Minnie E.....	
		George W. and Lizzie.....	

July	24	Charles Owen Keene.....	James and Gladys E. ....	Owen
"	30	Joseph Irving Bates, Jr. ....	Joseph I. and Ida. ....	McDougall
August	6	Mildred Ruth Robbins .....	Irving W. and Sarah W. ....	Wade
"	8	Albert Louie Kelly .....	Albert G. and Catherine. ....	Crowley
"	9	Edward Chester Donahue.....	Edward J. and Maude F. ....	Hill
"	10	William Frederick McDermott ..	William and Mamie A. ....	Carey
"	12	William Everett Stinchfield ...	Edwin A. and Cora B. ....	Belden
"	12	Francis William Brouillard ...	Frank W. and Mary L. ....	Wall
"	20	Howard LeRoy Ferguson. ....	William T. and Sadie. ....	Ruberg
"	27	Thelma Annette Robbins .....	Frederick J. and Leona F. ....	Cole
"	28	Reginald Edward Byron.....	Edward and Fridline. ....	Legendre
"	29	Grace Emma Harris.....	William C. and Mary. ....	Ferguson
"	30	Isabel Frances Butler .....	Edward and Anna A. ....	Stropole
September	4	Howard James Burns .....	William H. and Rosa O. ....	Rourke
"	4	Irene Rose Smith.....	John and Kate.....	Biggins
"	5	Beatrice Frances Kersey.....	William and Delia A. ....	Fields
"	8	Roger Edward Conant.....	Edward K. and Bertha C. ....	Rosberg
"	10	Philip Henry Campbell.....	William and Grace E. ....	Faichney
"	13	Herbert Davis Cobb.....	Elmer C. and George E. ....	Davis
"	16	Henry Newton Powers .....	A. Newton and Bessie M. ....	Gannon
"	19	Charles Francis Wingate.....	Charles C. and Lillian M. ....	Flanders
"	24	Camille Amede Gobbille.....	Amede and Amanda. ....	Piche
"	25	Helen Arline Gilchrist .....	John and Mary A. ....	Brine
October	6	Marion Louise Pratt .....	Ernest R. and Maud L. ....	Lane
"	16	Dorothy Perkins Wilbur.....	Ernest N. and Lulu A. ....	Reed
"	29	Robert Edgar Prest, Jr. ....	Robert E. and Anna A. ....	Woodward
November	1	Helen Charlotte Millican .....	A. McLeod and Ella. ....	Riley



## BIRTHS—(CONTINUED)

DATE	NAME	NAME OF PARENTS	MAIDEN NAME
November 10	Alice Elizabeth Brown .....	John D. and Helen G. ....	McCarthy
" 11	Roland M. Dunn .....	George B. and Amy E. ....	Troop
" 14	Jeremiah C. Kenneally .....	John and Mary A. ....	Downey
" 17	Ralph Gordon Connors .....	Michael C. and Alice M. ....	Churchill
" 17	Brooks Winslow Coughlin .....	Albert S. and Annie L. ....	Crowley
" 17	Beulah Gertrude Drake .....	Roy C. and Myrtie G. ....	Bates
" 18	James Joseph O'Brien .....	David V. and Helena E. ....	Sullivan
" 19	William Howard .....	William and Mary. ....	Walsh
" 19	Henry Joseph Plasse .....	Oliver and Delphine. ....	Connoyer
" 26	Albert Francis Durant .....	Charles and Lizzie. ....	Wickett
" 26	Margaret Gaffney .....	Frank and Ellen. ....	Driscoll
" 28	Ellen Loretto Conlon .....	James and Bridget T. ....	Heenan
December 4	George Barrett .....	William and Matilda E. ....	Carroll
" 4	— Smith .....	John and Margaret. ....	Hynes
" 9	Harry William Shaw .....	Harry W. and Mary. ....	Dickinson
" 11	Evelyn Louise Johnson .....	Emil C. and Caroline. ....	Lonn
" 18	Beatrice Diana Lemieux .....	Philibert and Rose. ....	Beaulemin
" 19	Frederick Benjamin Dittrich ..	Fred and Katherine. ....	Progan
" 20	John Edwin Hannigan .....	John J. and Rose E. ....	Arseneau
" 29	Kenneth Weston McKay .....	James D. and Alice W. ....	Chamberlain
" 30	Robert Patrick Buckley .....	Bartholomew and Ellen M. ....	Nolan
" 31	Chas. David Adrien Beauchemin	Adrian J. and Flora. ....	Ducharme

# DEATHS REGISTERED IN WHITMAN, 1908

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DATE	NAME	AGE			DISEASE
		Years	Mos.	Days	
January 1	Mary A. Lincoln .....	78	8	28	Bronchitis
" 1	George E. Mandeville .....	..	8	12	Convulsions
" 2	Drusilla B. Brigham .....	83	6	16	Myocarditis
" 5	Jeremiah Donovan .....	84	11	3	Senility
" 5	Charles W. Harding .....	59	6	3	Pneumonia
" 6	Edith Beatrice Tyler .....	4	1	17	Meningitis
" 8	Amanda Campagna .....	37	..	..	Heart failure
" 11	George G. Harding .....	73	6	1	Heart disease
" 12	William F. Hayden .....	80	7	1	Wound in neck
" 14	Thomas Custillow .....	18	5	..	Colitis
" 14	Olive M. Raymond .....	22	5	12	Nephritis
" 14	Nellie M. Rich .....	37	10	11	Peritonitis
" 16	Judith Smith .....	82	10	..	Marasmus
" 16	Martha A. Talbot .....	82	2	20	Cerebral hemorrhage
" 19	William H. Harding .....	69	..	..	Bronchitis
" 26	Arthur T. Allen .....	..	10	7	Broncho-pneumonia
February 14	Susan C. Packard .....	80	9	25	Apoplexy
" 15	John Charet .....	16	11	9	Pneumonia
" 20	Mary C. Thomas .....	79	7	28	Heart disease
" 22	Harrison O. Brown .....	46	6	22	Pneumonia
March 4	Angelena F. W. Atwood ..	70	11	..	Apoplexy
" 4	Annie E. Kenneally .....	32	..	3	Uremia

## DEATHS—(CONTINUED.)

DATE	NAME	AGE			DISEASE
		Years	Mos.	Days	
March	Margaret P. McCausland..	12	7	26	Intestinal obstruction
"	John C. Bosworth .....	83	8	4	Senility
"	Henry W. Bressenham ..	41	2	22	Accidental burns
"	Flora R. Brown .....	42	6	5	Septicæmia
"	Michael E. Welsh .....	..	5	24	Bronchitis
"	John M. Lemon .....	..	5	10	Broncho-pneumonia
"	Ernest N. Wilbur .....	41	7	3	Pneumonia
"	Catherine Murphy .....	38	..	..	Phthisis
April	John A. Bourne .....	55	1	14	Cerebral embolism
"	Mary E. Packard .....	16	7	27	Tuberculosis
"	John S. Marrow .....	33	2	23	Heart disease
"	Harry Weldon .....	77	..	..	Cerebral hemorrhage
"	Merton C. Josselyn .....	..	7	6	Acute meningitis
"	Henry Clement .....	72	5	7	Apoplexy
"	Agnes Hayes .....	..	..	14	Inanition
"	Ann Hayes .....	..	..	16	Inanition
"	Susan H. Harding .....	80	7	18	Heart disease
"	John M. West .....	74	11	4	Pneumonia
"	Alonzo W. Cook .....	62	3	14	Tuberculosis
May	Lewis Goulding .....	69	4	4	Paraplegia
"	Frank C. Wright .....	..	3	13	Meningitis
"	Abby Ann Carter .....	51	4	21	Heart disease

May	12	Catherine A. Buckley . . .	41	11	21	Nephritis
"	12	Bessie Nicholson . . . . .	34	9	..	Pulm. embolism
"	14	William Ripley . . . . .	71	11	14	Tuberculosis
"	17	Edna F. Mann . . . . .	6	5	18	Meningitis
"	18	William S. Meigs . . . . .	74	6	2	Nephritis
"	21	John J. Callanan . . . . .	69	10	28	Paralysis
"	24	Caroline Cutler . . . . .	39	8	17	Embolus
"	27	Josephine F. Totman . . . .	..	3	27	Gastro-enteritis
"	30	Betsey T. Hayden . . . . .	84	3	7	Cerebral embolism
June	9	Henry Howard . . . . .	61	..	..	Gun shot wound
"	10	Joseph Cook . . . . .	74	..	..	Cardiac dilatation
"	19	Lydia C. Harlow . . . . .	78	7	8	Intestinal cancer
"	29	Andrew D. Merritt . . . . .	75	5	25	Anæmia.
July	3	Ellen Sangster . . . . .	54	..	..	Marasmus
"	8	Benjamin S. Cathcart . . . .	85	9	..	Heart disease
"	9	Sarah M. Sturtevant . . . .	65	9	3	Heart disease
"	16	Lydia M. Morse . . . . .	80	1	9	Myocarditis
"	27	Clinton R. Dorr . . . . .	50	..	..	Tuberculosis
August	1	Emma E. Gibbs . . . . .	57	9	5	Periculous anæmia
"	3	Charles S. Merritt . . . . .	..	1	12	Malnutrition
"	4	Joseph Irving Bates, Jr . .	..	..	5	Marasmus
"	5	Bradley D. Stebbins . . . .	38	..	..	Accidental drowning
"	7	Betsey L. Paige . . . . .	73	8	24	Traumatism
"	14	Lawrence H. Finnegan . .	49	1	5	Uremia
"	20	Margaret M. Gildart . . . .	11	5	24	Cholera morbus
"	24	Henry Humble . . . . .	72	2	..	Heart disease
"	24	George W. Reed . . . . .	81	11	..	Diarrhoea
"	25	George Litchfield . . . . .	42	..	..	Tuberculosis

## DEATHS — (CONTINUED)

DATE	NAME	AGE			DISEASE
		Years	Mos.	Days	
August 26	Addison A. Austin.....	71	8	29	Heart disease
September 16	Charles E. Stinchfield....	65	6	14	Uremic poisoning
" 18	Rebecca W. Ramsdell....	81	2	12	Chronic nephritis
" 26	Charles R. Dickerman....	72	3	16	Cerebral embolism
" 30	Lillian E. Josselyn .....	50	4	17	Cancer
October 4	Abby H. Hildreth .....	87	2	10	Senility
" 18	Mary E. Morey .....	72	11	4	Heart disease
" 24	Ephraim Bailey .....	58	2	4	Pneumonia
" 24	George A. Knowlton .....	34	8	..	Tubercular ulcer
" 25	Hester McRath.....	83	..	..	Sarcoma
" 31	Sarah E. Bartlett.....	70	8	26	Apoplexy
November 2	William H. Ramsdell ....	56	2	7	Paralysis
" 7	Thomas S. W. Keene.....	58	4	16	Arsenical poisoning
" 11	Anna E. Peterson.....	89	2	2	Cerebral hemorrhage
" 16	Roland M. Dunn .....	..	..	4	Premature birth
" 19	Hannah Cobb Harlow....	52	4	27	Apoplexy
" 19	Jeremiah C. Kenneally....	..	..	5	Inanition
" 20	Laura A. Clement .....	69	9	..	Labor pneumonia
" 21	James E. Lambert.....	56	..	..	Alcoholism
December 2	Nellie G. Gaffney.....	37	1	18	Uremia
" 7	Otis Kingman.....	72	9	26	Heart disease
" 10	John Mann, Jr.....	..	10	10	Pneumonia
" 20	Daniel E. Millett .....	66	9	8	Cerebral hemorrhage



## SUMMARY

Number of births registered.....	142
Males .....	88
Females .....	54
Stillborn .....	5
Illegitimate .....	2
Number of marriages registered .....	70
Number of deaths recorded .....	103
Under 10 years of age .....	24
Between 10 and 20 years of age .....	5
Between 20 and 30 years of age.....	1
Between 30 and 40 years of age.....	10
Between 40 and 50 years of age.....	7
Between 50 and 60 years of age.....	11
Between 60 and 70 years of age.....	10
Between 70 and 80 years of age.....	19
Between 80 and 90 years of age.....	16

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 DOG LICENSES

Number of dogs licensed .....	442
Males .....	387
Females .....	55
Paid County Treasurer.....	\$960 60

## NOTE

Realizing the importance of making the town records as full and as complete as possible, the co-operation of all parties interested is earnestly desired.

Every one can understand the necessity of accuracy in the preparation of the records of the town in order that those who follow us shall receive from them a full and complete account of what happened in our time.

Therefore it is requested that all who may discover any errors or omissions in the preceding report will co-operate with the town clerk in making the needed corrections.

FRED E. SHARP,

Town Clerk.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS

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The number of registered male voters in 1907 was 1,549.  
The number of registered female voters in 1907 was 467.  
The number of registered male voters in 1908 was 1,665.  
The number of registered female voters in 1908 was 451.

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### STATISTICS OF MALE VOTERS

Removed from voting list in 1908, by death .....	24
Removed from voting list in 1908, other causes ...	52
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Total number of names removed.....	76
Balance before registration.....	1,473
Added by registration.....	192
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Total number registered at close of year.....	1,665
Net gain over 1907 .....	116
Number of assessed polls .....	2,290
Number of registered voters.....	1,665
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Number of unregistered polls.....	625

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### STATISTICS OF FEMALE VOTERS

Removed from voting list in 1908, by death..... 2

Removed from voting list in 1908, other causes ...	15
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Total number of names removed.....	17
Balance before registration.....	450
Added by registration.....	1
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Total number registered at close of year .....	451
Net loss .....	16

RANDALL W. COOK, PATRICK J. CALLANAN, BAYLIES WOOD, FRED E. SHARP (Clerk),	} Board of Registrars.
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## REPORT OF SELECTMEN

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The Selectmen of Whitman herewith submit their thirty-fourth annual report of the financial condition of the town, together with the receipts and expenditures from January 6, 1908, to January 4, 1909:

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Paid as State aid under Chapter 381, Acts of	
1904.....	\$6,780 00
All to be refunded by the State.	

Paid as military aid under Chapter 381, Acts of	
1904 .....	40 00
State settlement. All to be refunded.	

Paid as military aid under Chapter 381, Acts of	
1904.....	360 00
One-half to be refunded by the State.	

	180 00
Amount appropriated.....	120 00

	60 00
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Paid James E. Bates, agent for burial of indigent soldiers, their wives and widows,



under Chapter 79 of the Revised Laws of 1901.....	\$222 00
All to be refunded by the State.	

Paid as soldiers' relief under Chapter 447, Acts of 1890, to persons having a settlement in Whitman .....	2,090 72
Amount appropriated.....	1,800 00
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Excess of appropriation	\$290 72
Paid to persons having a settlement elsewhere..	\$105 95
Received and receivable from other cities and towns .....	105 95
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Disbursements of the amount (\$2,196.67) under Chapter 447, Acts of 1890, were as follows:

Paid:—

Cash.....	\$1,216 00
Rent .....	90 00
H. C. Cleveland, medicine.....	3 05
H. H. Hovey, medicine .....	22 95
Nursing.....	42 00
Massachusetts General Hospital.....	9 00
Atwood Bros., fuel.....	6 00
T. S. W. Keene, Estate, fuel .....	37 25
Joseph Murphy, fuel.....	8 26
Whitman Grain & Coal Co., fuel .....	8 51
B. F. Bowker & Co.....	2 15
Town of Rockland.....	96 00
Town of Stoughton.....	135 00
Town of Pembroke.....	520 50
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	\$2,196 67

## DECORATION OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES

Paid Post 78, G. A. R.....	\$150 00
Amount appropriated.....	\$150 00

## POLICE SERVICE

Paid:—

P. H. Smith, services as Chief .....	\$891 23
“ “ use of team.....	73 50
“ “ cash paid out.....	15 15
	<hr/> \$979 88

Paid:—

Frank Erskine, services as police .....	34 75
Foster J. Rand “ “ .....	135 68
Thomas F. Kane, “ “ .....	3 00
A. L. Brouillard “ “ .....	93 38
James H. Kenney “ “ .....	159 20
Levi W. Stetson “ “ .....	188 10
Leroy L. Phinney “ “ .....	611 37
A. R. McCallum “ “ .....	21 17
Francis B. Winslow “ “ .....	122 70
T. F. Hayes “ “ .....	147 15
C. L. Redding “ “ .....	4 80
C. B. Perry, team.....	9 50
M. P. O'Connor, stretcher and supplies.....	3 50
E. J. Beaulieu, M. D., services.....	2 00
George A. Clift, supplies.....	3 32
H. H. Hovey, supplies .....	1 25
Fairbanks Bros. & Co., supplies.....	2 05
B. F. Bowker & Co., helmet.....	3 30
John Robbins Manufacturing Co., badges.....	7 65

H. B. Harding, printing.....	\$5 50
Rent.....	96 00
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	\$2,635 25
Amount appropriated.....	2,800 00
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Balance unexpended.....	164 75

### SUPPRESSION OF ILLEGAL SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS

Paid : —

A. L. Brouillard, for services.....	\$6 00
A. R. McCallum, “ “ .....	4 50
Timothy F. Hayes, “ “ .....	4 50
Leroy L. Phinney, “ “ .....	13 50
F. B. Winslow, “ “ .....	10 50
Levi W. Stetson, “ “ .....	9 00
Foster J. Rand, “ “ .....	10 50
J. J. Geogan, “ “ .....	10 00
Coughlan Bros., “ “ .....	35 00
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	\$103 50

No appropriation.

### EXPENSES IN CRIMINAL CASES IN SECOND DISTRICT COURT UNDER CHAPTER 440, ACTS OF 1890

Paid : —

J. T. Condon, for services.....	\$4 60
John Holland, “ “ .....	12 35
Foster J. Rand, “ “ .....	3 20
A. L. Brouillard, “ “ .....	3 20
Coughlan Bros., “ “ .....	5 00
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Total .....	\$28 35

No appropriation.

Received from Second District Court .....	\$544 09
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## TREE WARDEN

Paid:—

C. A. Randall, for services.....	\$33 30
“ “ for labor.....	99 00
“ “ for teams .....	18 00
“ “ for supplies.....	17 66
“ “ for legal advice.....	1 00
“ “ for rent.....	25 00
“ “ for Norris & Daland, 100 trees..	50 00
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	243 96
Amount appropriated.....	250 00
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Balance unexpended.....	6 04

## GYPSY AND BROWN TAIL MOTHS

Paid:—

C. A. Randall, for services.....	\$264 73
“ “ for labor.....	787 45
“ “ for teams.....	39 00
“ “ for burlap, twine and oil.....	141 83
“ “ for supplies.....	7 41
“ “ for H. B. Harding, printing....	7 50
“ “ for expenses.....	5 00
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	\$1,252 92
Amount appropriated.....	\$1,575 00
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Balance unexpended.....	322 08

## PUBLIC LIBRARY

Paid Treasurer.....	\$2,000 00
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Amount appropriated.....	\$2,000 00

## WHITMAN PARK

Paid by order of commissioners .....	\$1,140 00
Amount appropriated .....	\$1,100 00
Received by subscription for Band Stand .....	40 00
	<hr/> 1,140 00

EXPENDED FOR HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES AND  
DRAINS

Paid by order of Highway Surveyor.....	\$6,825 98
Amount appropriated including excise tax (\$1,525.51).....	6,525 51
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Excess of appropriation.....	\$300 47

## HIGHWAY INCIDENTALS

Paid by order of Highway Surveyor.....	\$501 66
Amount appropriated .....	500 00
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Excess of appropriation.....	\$1 66

## REMOVING SNOW

Paid by order of Highway Surveyor.....	\$390 08
Amount appropriated .....	500 00
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Balance unexpended .....	\$109 92

## SIDEWALKS

Paid by order of Highway Surveyor .....	\$805 00
Amount appropriated.....	800 00
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Excess of appropriation.....	5 00



## CONCRETE SIDEWALKS

Paid by order of Highway Surveyor.....	\$1,505 00
Amount appropriated .....	1,500 00
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Excess of appropriation.....	\$5 00

## BENSON STREET

Paid by order of Highway Surveyor.....	\$370 25
Amount appropriated.....	800 00
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Balance unexpended.....	\$429 75

## CENTRAL STREET

Paid by order of Highway Surveyor.....	\$300 00
Amount appropriated.....	300 00
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## WINTER STREET

Paid by order of Highway Surveyor.....	\$400 00
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Amount appropriated.....	\$400 00

## HAZEL TUCKER DAMAGE CASE

Paid:—

James W. Courtney, professional services.....	\$105 00
Charles H. Edson,                   "                   "       .....	144 75
G. L. Walton,                       "                   "       .....	100 00
Arthur Lord,                       "                   "       .....	200 00
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	\$549 75

No appropriation.

## ELLEN CARR DAMAGE CASE

Paid Ellen Carr.....	\$300 00
No appropriation.	

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## McCABE AND SHEA DAMAGE CASES

Paid Charles H. Edson, professional services...	\$145 00
No appropriation.	.

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## STREET LIGHTING

Paid by order of Street Lighting Committee...	\$4,936 45
Amount appropriated .....	5,000 00
Balance unexpended .....	\$63 55

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## FIRE INCIDENTALS

Paid by order of Fire Engineers.....	\$1,281 05
Amount appropriated .....	1,200 00
Excess of appropriation.....	\$81 05

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COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF FIRE  
DEPARTMENT

Paid by order of Fire Engineers.....	\$2,043 76
Amount appropriated.....	2,119 00
Balance unexpended .....	\$75 24

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## FOREST FIRES

Paid by order of Fire Engineers.....	\$290 60
No appropriation.	

## WATER FOR HYDRANTS

Paid by order of Fire Engineers.....	\$3,100 00
Amount appropriated .....	\$3,100 00

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## NEW HOSE

Paid by order of Fire Engineers .....	\$385 75
Amount appropriated .....	387 00
Balance unexpended .....	\$1 25

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## FIRE ALARM BOX, PARK AVENUE

Paid by order Fire engineers.....	\$74 65
Amount appropriated.....	75 00
Balance unexpended.....	35

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## REPAIRING HOSE HOUSE NO. 2

Paid by order of Fire Engineers.....	\$173 00
Amount appropriated.....	175 00
Balance unexpended.....	\$2 00

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## COMPLETING CENTRAL FIRE STATION

Paid by order of Fire Engineers.....	\$974 69
Balance unexpended.....	\$365 75 }
Amount appropriated.....	490 00 }
Excess of a propriation.....	\$118 94

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## CHEMICAL FIRE ENGINE

Paid by order of Fire Engineers.....	\$1,696 94
Amount appropriated.....	1,500 00
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Excess of appropriation.....	\$196 94

## SINKING FUND

Paid by order of Water Commissioners.....	\$2,500 00
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Amount appropriated.....	\$2,500 00

## WATER FOR DRINKING FOUNTAINS

Paid by order of Water Commissioners.....	\$25 00
No appropriation.	

## COPYING VITAL RECORDS

Paid Harry W. Litchfield.....	\$100 00
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Amount appropriated .....	\$100 00

## TOWN HALL

Paid:—

A. A. Harding, painting .....	\$21 37
A. H. Peterson Estate, mason work .....	75
W. Sears, carting.....	2 00
Fairbanks Bros. Co., supplies .....	63 72
H. E. Stetson, supplies.....	60
A. D. B. Butler, labor and material .....	561 70
W. Pearson, labor on flag pole.....	9 19
H. A. Merritt, labor.....	1 50
James Crowley, labor .....	1 25
P. H. Smith, cash paid out .....	2 75

A. J. Bartlett, gravel.....	\$28 80
J. P. Bates, entrance to drain.....	50 00
C. L. Redding, electric supplies and labor.....	62 35
C. B. Perry, carting.....	16 50
M. P. O'Connor, furnishings.....	92 55
L. Holbrook & Son, furnishings.....	55 45
Stuart Howland & Co., electric supplies.....	8 03
Knott & Co., electric supplies .....	27 51
The Macy Co., furniture.....	13 50
E. C. Howard & Co., supplies. ....	47 38
A. R. McCallum, labor and supplies.....	485 26
Geo. Howard & Sons Co., on contract.....	5,861 95
A. H. Gould, architect fees .....	82 85
American Seating Co., furniture.....	224 00
Everett Fullerton, grading.....	230 84
E. C. Howard, expenses of committee .....	4 41

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\$7,956 21

Balance unexpended last report.....\$3,597 05

Amount appropriated..... 4,000 00

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\$7,597 05

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Excess of appropriation..... \$359 16

### TOWN HALL RUNNING EXPENSES

Paid:—

Edison Electric Illuminating Co., lighting.....	\$327 63
William Spellman, supplies.....	7 91
R. E. Delano, rent of piano.....	45 00
Water Commissioners, water.....	51 13
C. F. Sweeney, janitor .....	390 00
Joseph King, assistant janitor.....	58 00
E. C. Howard & Co., coal.....	\$490 73
“ “ “ supplies.....	30 54



	\$521 27
M. F. Greaney, supplies.....	5 98
Forest Cannon, labor.....	1 00
James Crowley, labor.....	16 00
H. H. Hovey, supplies.....	1 00
H. E. Stetson, supplies.....	70
J. O. Livingston, lettering and numbering.....	3 60
Wyzanski Bros., supplies.....	2 20
The Southern Massachusetts Telephone Co.....	40 12
Fairbanks Bros. & Co., hose, reel, ice-tank and supplies.....	54 55
Roy F. Allen, desk lamp for Town Clerk.....	6 00
C. B. Perry, moving piano.....	1 50
L. T. Adams, grinding lawn mower.....	1 00
John Burke, assistant janitor.....	57 70
Edward Kenneally, labor.....	12 00
Commonwealth Shoe & Leather Co., sand paper.	5 40
T. F. Leslie, janitor.....	90 00
G. A. Clift, supplies.....	1 10
C. A. Randall, labor and material.....	10 65
J. C. Bryant, setting glass.....	1 00
G. D. Soule & Son, extra insurance.....	56 25
C. F. Allen, " ".....	56 25
Howland & Faunce, " ".....	61 55
Atwood Bros., sawdust.....	45
J. M. Tyler, supplies.....	2 25
C. W. Trainer Mfg. Co., covering steam pipes..	116 30
A. R. McCallum, drinking fountain, labor and supplies.....	64 21
P. H. Smith, care of Town Hall.....	25 00
M. P. O'Connor, cover for air shaft.....	15 35
Packard Bros., electric work and supplies.....	4 70
C. L. Redding, " " " ".....	2 35
M. F. Ellis & Co., toilet paper.....	15 00
P. Collins, assistant janitor.....	64 00

Whitman Grain and Coal Co., coal.....	\$148 92
W. W. Josselyn, wood.....	4 00
West Disinfecting Co.....	48 00

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\$2,897 02

Appropriated:—

Rent of Town Offices.....\$1,200 00

Income from Hall..... 1,656 00

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2,856 00

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Excess of appropriation..... \$ 41 02

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### INSURANCE ON TOWN HALL

Paid:—

Geo. D. Soule & Son..... \$22 50

Howland & Faunce..... 22 50

C. F. Allen ..... 22 50

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\$67 50

No appropriation.

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### CANVASS FOR TOWN HALL

Paid:—

M. P. O'Connor, as per contract ..... \$210 00

A. D. B. Butler, labor and material ..... 71 38

Atwood Bros., truck ..... 10 00

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\$291 38

Amount appropriated..... 325 00

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Balance unexpended..... \$33 62

## PIANO FOR TOWN HALL

Paid : —

Old Colony Piano Co .....	\$550 00
Wm. A. Bowles, expenses on piano committee..	3 25
F. E. Freeman, " " " ..	3 25
F. E. Sharp, " " " ..	3 25
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	\$559 75
Amount appropriated.....	565 00
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Balance unexpended.....	\$5 25

## CORTHELL SCHOOL

Paid : —

C. A. Brigham, architect fees.....	\$306 00
Thomas Whalen, stone work .....	754 00
C. A. Randall, on account contract .....	10,656 34
Fuller & Warren Co., heating and ventilating..	1,598 00
A. H. Peterson Estate, mason work .....	75 25
E. F. Benson, grading.....	12 21
Brockton Concrete and Asphalt Paving Co., concrete .....	100 00
M. Kenneally, grading.....	36 69
M. P. O'Connor, shades and fixtures.....	106 00
American Seating Co., furniture.....	800 70
D. K. Carpenter Co., installing bell.....	6 00
A. R. McCallum, drinking apparatus.....	18 00
A. A. Harding, gilding letters.....	6 00
E. C. Howard & Co., wooden letters.....	4 00
Hobbs & Warren Co., account book.....	4 50
A. C. Whitmarsh, expenses on committee.....	2 83

O. H. Ellis, expenses on committee .....	\$7 49
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	\$14,494 01
Amount appropriated.....	14,500 00
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Balance unexpended.....	\$5 99

### SECURITY BONDS FOR TOWN OFFICERS

Paid: —

For Treasurer's bond .....	\$70 00
For Collector's bond.....	35 00
For Town Clerk's bonds.....	7 50
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	\$112 50
Amount appropriated.....	125 00
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Balance unexpended.....	\$12 50

### CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

Paid: —

O. A. Bemis, M. D., for services .....	\$21 50
W. B. Danforth, for board.....	49 00
Nursing .....	6 00
E. A. Dyer, M. D., for services .....	54 50
F. J. Reid, for milk.....	1 36
H. H. Hovey, for goods .....	16 40
M. P. O'Connor, for burial .....	20 00
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	\$168 76

All to be refunded.

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES AND COLLECTOR'S FEES

Paid:—

B. C. Reed, Collector's fees for 1905		
on \$5,405 20.....	\$45 94	
B. C. Reed, Collector's fees for 1906		
on \$7,700 00.....	65 45	
B. C. Reed, Collector's fees for 1907		
on \$28,500 00.....	242 25	
B. C. Reed, Collector's fees for 1908		
on \$79,000 00.....	671 50	
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Abatement of taxes for 1906.....	\$94 84	
“ “ “ 1907.....	108 81	
“ “ “ 1908.....	131 95	
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		\$1,360 74
Amount appropriated .....	1,800 00	
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Balance unexpended.....	\$439 26	



## TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Paid:—

B. C. Reed, services as selectman and overseer of the poor .....	\$158 70
T. F. Kenneally, services as selectman and overseer of the poor.....	285 00
C. E. Lovell, services as selectman and overseer of the poor.....	159 00
I. T. Churchill, services as assessor.....	380 00
A. D. B. Butler, services as assessor.....	307 10
B. F. Peterson, services as assessor .....	339 00
Bela Alden, services as auditor.....	60 00
G. H. Soule, services as auditor.....	60 00
O. A. Bemis, services on board of health .....	135 60
Lucius Cook, services on board of health.....	59 70
George A. Edson, services on board of health..	116 00
Fred E. Sharp, services as town clerk.....	44 45
O. A. Bemis, services as town physician.....	100 00
C. E. Lovell, services as town physician.....	100 00
F. J. Hanley, services as town physician .....	100 00
A. A. MacKeen, services as town physician ....	100 00
R. W. Cook, services as registrar .....	51 00
P. J. Callanan, services as registrar.....	49 50
Baylies Wood, services as registrar.....	51 00
Fred E. Sharp, services as registrar.....	63 00
James T. Condon, services on street lighting committee .....	30 00
Lewis F. Trow, services on street lighting committee.....	30 00
James Holland, services on street lighting committee.....	30 00
Charles Conant, services as fire engineer .....	25 00
E. C. Taft, services as fire engineer ....	\$25 00
E. C. Taft, services as clerk of board....	25 00

E. C. Taft, total .....	\$50 00
S. H. Staples, services as fire engineer .....	25 00
Fred E. Sharp, services as town clerk .....	60 20
B. F. Peterson, services as moderator .....	41 00
W. C. Gurney, services as sealer of weights and measures .....	51 30
O. F. Bumpus, services as cattle inspector .....	112 42
A. R. McCallum, services as constable .....	19 70
P. H. Smith, services as lockup keeper .....	25 00
A. A. Healey, services as highway surveyor .....	93 00
B. C. Reed, services as treasurer .....	300 00
Geo. A. Stevens, services as election officer .....	8 00
Johnnie L. Bemis, services as election officer .....	4 00
V. A. Collins, services as election officer .....	4 00
E. W. Packard, services as election officer .....	8 00
Jerome J. Holland, services as election officer .....	4 00
G. H. Bill, services as election officer .....	4 00
H. E. Fluker, services as election officer .....	8 00
Frank D. Stetson, services as election officer .....	4 00
C. L. Redding, services as election officer .....	4 00
Frank M. Davis, services as election officer .....	4 00
J. R. Griffin, services as election officer .....	8 00
C. W. Harding, services as election officer .....	4 00
A. T. Cole, services as election officer .....	4 00
Thomas Douglass, services as election officer .....	4 00
Elmer C. Cobb, services as election officer .....	4 00
Hosea C. Look, services as election officer .....	4 00
G. H. Soule, services as election officer .....	4 00
Lucius M. Briggs, services as election officer .....	4 00
Fred N. Winslow, services as election officer .....	4 00
T. Frank Hayes, services as election officer .....	4 00
Martin Ratigan, services as election officer .....	4 00
Richard F. Barry, services as election officer .....	4 00
John J. Bagley, services as election officer .....	4 00
Chas. F. Frahar, services as election officer .....	4 00

H. E. Litchfield, services as election officer.....	\$4 00
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	\$3,727 67
Amount appropriated .....	3,500 00
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Excess of appropriation .....	\$227 67

### TOWN INCIDENTALS

Paid:—

Edison Electric Illuminating Co., lighting old office.....	\$	10
A. L. Shirley, returning one birth.....		25
H. B. Harding -		
Order book.....	4 75	
Seating plan—Town Hall.....	7 50	
Book for overseers of poor.....	6 70	
Ballots .....	27 25	
Tally sheets.....	14 75	
Printing for town clerk.....	5 80	
Printing for assessors.....	6 50	
Stamped envelopes .....	12 15	
Printing for selectmen .....	28 50	
Index cards for assessors .....	2 75	
Printing for board of health ....	13 00	
Forest warden.....	1 65	
Poll tax list.....	170 80	
Tax bills.....	12 50	
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L. B. Hatch, printing—		
Town reports.....	\$417 50	
Warrants .....	29 00	
Advertising .....	67 00	
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## Hobbs &amp; Warren : —

Blanks for assessors . . . . .	\$13 59	
Blanks for selectmen . . . . .	1 64	
Book for sealer of weights and measures . . . . .	4 50	
Book for tax collector . . . . .	2 75	
	<hr/>	\$26 98

Wright & Potter, blanks for assessors . . . . .	1 50
Memorial Press, voting list . . . . .	44 00

## Wakefield Daily Item : —

Blanks for assessors . . . . .	\$3 75	
Posters for assessors . . . . .	1 25	
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R. W. Cook, book for registrars . . . . .	1 40
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Revised Laws.	12 00
R. J. Considine, stamped envelopes . . . . .	16 86
Whitman Savings Bank, book rack for assessors.	1 50
H. E. Stetson, frames for board of health . . . . .	9 00

## Whitman Molding Co. : —

Tables for election officers . . . . .	\$13 88	
Lumber for pump, cor. Harvard and School streets . . . . .	5 36	
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Whitman Memorial Association, rent of hall . . .	5 00
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## H. H. Hovey : —

Supplies for board of health . . . . .	\$10 75	
Supplies for sealer of weights and measures . . . . .	85	
	<hr/>	11 60

## G. E. Bolling : —

Examining culture . . . . .	\$13 00	
Examining milk . . . . .	30 00	
	<hr/>	43 00

## Fairbanks Bros. Co.:—

Supplies for odorless excavator..	\$2 11
Supplies .....	1 50
Numbers for assessors .....	8 55

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 \$12 16

John R. Connell, repairs to excavator.....	14 93
A. R. McCallum, repairs to excavator.....	50 90
Edson Manufacturing Co., repairs to excavator.	57 75
Banker & Tradesman, subscription for assessors.	5 00
Mary Quinlan, lunch for election officers .....	23 00

## C. B. Perry:—

Team for selectmen .....	\$2 50
Team for board of health.....	10 75
Delivering town reports .....	12 00

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 25 25

E. B. Hill, repairing pump, corner Harvard and School streets.....	2 03
H. C. Cleveland, supplies for board of health...	12 30
Colebrook Cemetery Association, burial of child.	3 50
John M. West, moving booths.....	5 00
Carter Ink Company.....	1 25
Walter Pearson, repairs to excavator .....	2 77

## E. C. Howard:—

Supplies for selectmen.....	\$11 64
Supplies for board of health.....	47
Supplies for sealer of weights and measures .....	1 25

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James English, team for street lighting com- mittee.....	2 00
Brockton Board of Health, signs for board of health. ....	9 60
W. E. H. Vaughan, use of dump.....	25 00
Pneumatic Hand Stamp Co., supplies for sealer	



of weights and measures.....	\$	80	
Malden Specialty Co., supplies for sealer of weights and measures.....		4	50
W. & L. E. Gurley, supplies for sealer of weights and measures.....		77	12
W. C. Gurney: —			
Cash paid for supplies.....	\$1	85	
Cash paid for telegrams.....		1	25
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		3	10
Atwood Bros., signs for board of health.....		6	00
Packard Bros., repairing switch.....		1	00
C. H. Edson, professional services.....		11	49
Penniman's Express, expressage .....		43	75
Marion L. Reed, clerical work for selectmen...		43	50
Fred E. Sharp: —			
Services as justice of peace.....	\$12	50	
Postage and supplies.....		8	02
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		20	52
O. A. Bemis: —			
Use of team.....	\$41	00	
Postage .....		75	
Cash paid out.....		3	00
Burying two dogs .....		2	00
Vaccinating children.....		6	75
Expenses .....		1	15
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		54	65
Charles Conant, team for assessors .....		32	25
C. E. Lovell, cash paid out.....			50
T. F. Kenneally, postage and supplies.....		14	30
J. J. Shepard, returning 1 death.....			25
Geo. H. Pearson Estate, recording deaths (1907)		2	10

## B. C. Reed :—

Postage .....\$13 20

Expenses ..... 6 30

Cash paid out ..... 3 50

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\$23 00

M. P. O'Connor, returning 25 deaths.....

6 25

## L. Holbrook &amp; Son :—

Returning 66 deaths.....\$16 50

Burial of infant..... 5 00

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21 50

O. D. Everson, repairs on clock.....

32 65

I. T. Churchill, car fare and supplies for assessors

17 25

J. McGlone, burying cat.....

00

East End News Stand, stationery and supplies..

30 35

## Town of Whitman :—

Rent, town clerk..... \$84 00

Rent, board of health ..... 50 00

Rent, assessors..... 108 00

Rent, treasurer ..... 85 00

Rent, selectmen..... 108 00

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435 00

## Fred E. Sharp :—

Returning 1 death..... \$ 25

Returning 5 births..... 2 50

Recording 24 deaths ..... 4 80

Recording 1 death ..... 50

Recording 113 births ..... 56 50

Recording 27 marriages..... 5 40

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69 95

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\$2,239 41

Amount appropriated .....

2,500 00

Balance unexpended.....

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\$260 59

## SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

	Expended.	Appropriated.	Excess of Appropriation.	Balance Unexpended.
State Aid, Chap. 381 .....	,780 00	State.		
Military Aid, Chap. 381.....	180 00	\$120 00	\$60 00	
Military Aid, Chap. 381, State settlement	40 00	State.		
Burial of Soldiers .....	222 00	State.		
Soldiers' Relief.....	2,090 72	1,800 00	290 72	
Decoration of Soldiers' Graves.....	150 00	150 00		
Police Service.....	2,635 25	2,800 00		\$164 75
Suppression of Illegal Sale of Intoxicating Liquors.....	103 50	None	103 50	
Expenses in Criminal Cases, Second District Court .....	28 35	None	28 35	
Tree Warden.....	243 96	250 00		6 04
Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths.....	1,252 92	1,575 00		322 08
Public Library.....	2,000 00	2,000 00		
Whitman Park.....	1,140 00	1,140 00		
Highways, Bridges and Drains.....	6,825 98	6,525 51	300 47	
Highway Incidentals.....	501 66	500 00	1 66	
Removing Snow.....	390 08	500 00		109 92
Sidewalks.....	805 00	800 00	5 00	
Concrete Sidewalks.....	1,505 00	1,500 00	5 00	
Benson Street.....	370 25	800 00		429 75
Central Street.....	300 00	300 00		
Winter Street.....	400 00	400 00		
Hazel-Tucker Damage Case.....	549 75	None	549 75	
Ellen Carr Damage Case.....	300 00	None	300 00	
McCabe and Shea Damage Cases .....	145 00	None	145 00	
Street Lighting.....	4,936 45	5,000 00		63 55
Fire Incidentals.....	1,281 05	1,200 00	81 05	
Compensation of Members of Fire Department .....	2,043 76	2,119 00		75 24
Forest Fires.....	290 60	None	290 60	
Water for Hydrants .....	3,100 00	3,100 00		
New Hose.....	385 75	387 00		1 25
Fire Alarm Box, Park Avenue.....	74 65	75 00		35
Repairing Hose House No. 2.....	173 00	175 00		2 00
Completing Central Fire Station.....	974 69	855 75	118 94	
Chemical Fire Engine.....	1,696 94	1,500 00	196 94	
Sinking Fund .....	2,500 00	2,500 00		
Water for Drinking Fountains.....	25 00	None	25 00	
Copying Vital Records.....	100 00	100 00		
Town Hall.....	7,956 21	7,997 05	359 16	
Town Hall, Running Expenses.....	2,897 02	2,856 00	41 02	
Insurance on Town Hall.....	67 50	None	67 50	
Canvas for Town Hall .....	291 38	325 00		33 62
Piano for Town Hall .....	559 75	565 00		5 25
Corthell School.....	14,494 01	14,500 00		5 99
Security Bonds for Town Officers.....	112 50	125 00		12 50
Abatement of Taxes and Collector's Fees	1,360 74	1,800 00		439 26
Town Officers and Committees.....	3,727 67	3,500 00	227 67	
Town Incidentals.....	2,239 41	2,500 00		260 59
Interest on Temporary Loans.....	3,382 19	3,000 00	382 19	
Interest on Permanent Loans.....	4,560 00	4,560 00		
Notes Due in 1908.....	9,000 00	9,000 00		
Support of Poor.....	8,739 55	6,500 00	2,239 55	

BENJAMIN C. REED,	}	Selectmen of Whitman.
TIMOTHY F. KENNEALLY,		
CHARLES E. LOVELL,		

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We have this day examined the foregoing and find it correct and supported with proper vouchers.

G. HOWARD SOULE,	}	Auditors.
ELMER C. COBB,		

January 28, 1909.

### ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES

Schooling proper, in addition to tuition and dog fund . . . . .	\$26,500 00
Text books and supplies . . . . .	2,000 00
Superintendent of Schools . . . . .	1,500 00
School incidentals . . . . .	1,000 00
Repairs to school buildings . . . . .	1,000 00
Highways, bridges and drains . . . . .	5,000 00
Sidewalks . . . . .	800 00
Highway incidentals . . . . .	500 00
Removing snow . . . . .	500 00
Street lighting . . . . .	5,000 00
Public Library . . . . .	2,500 60
Support of poor . . . . .	7,500 00
Town officers and committees . . . . .	3,500 00
Town incidentals . . . . .	2,500 00
Police services . . . . .	2,800 00
Whitman Park . . . . .	<div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"> <div style="font-size: 3em; vertical-align: middle; margin-right: 10px;">{</div> <div> <div>Care of park . . . . .</div> <div>Water for park . . . . .</div> </div> </div> <div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"> <div>600 00</div> <div>150 00</div> </div>
Decoration of Soldiers' graves . . . . .	150 00
Abatement of taxes and Collectors' fees . . . . .	1,800 00
Water Sinking Fund . . . . .	2,500 00
Running expenses of the Fire Department . . . . .	1,200 00
Pay of firemen . . . . .	2,335 00
Water for hydrants . . . . .	3,100 00
New hose . . . . .	387 00
Tree Warden . . . . .	150 00
Gypsy and brown tail moths . . . . .	1,400 00
Military aid, Chapter 381, Acts of 1904 . . . . .	200 00
Soldiers' relief . . . . .	2,000 00
Fire alarm system . . . . .	610 00
Interest on temporary loans . . . . .	3,000 00
Interest on permanent loans . . . . .	4,623 00
Town Hall Loan . . . . .	5,000 00
Dyer School, Loan No. 1 . . . . .	2,000 00
No. 3 Fire Station Loan . . . . .	2,000 00
Corthell School Loan . . . . .	1,050 00



## REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR

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The Overseers of the Poor respectfully submit the following report: —

Amount expended for the poor of Whitman . . .	\$8,739 55
Amount appropriated .....	6,500 00

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Excess of appropriation .....	\$2,239 55
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Expended for poor having a settlement in other cities and towns.....	1,695 13
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The amount of \$10,434.68 which was expended for the poor of this town and other places was distributed as follows:

Paid:—

Cash .....	\$1,849 00
Board .....	3,663 80
Rent .....	1,203 45
H. H. Hovey, medicine.....	55 28
H. C. Cleveland, medicine.....	42 40
W. F. Coughlan, groceries.....	164 00
C. R. Cox, groceries.....	291 00
Geo. A. Clift, groceries.....	196 50
William Spellman, groceries .....	123 00
Alvin Swan, groceries .....	156 00
Nahum Reed, groceries .....	257 50
A. F. Luzarder, groceries .....	3 00

W. F. Alden, groceries.....	\$53 00
John F. Hoyt, groceries.....	6 00
William Bliss, provisions.....	65 68
A. F. Dyer, provisions.....	2 56
Atwood Bros., fuel.....	16 50
E. C. Howard & Co., fuel.....	105 47
F. J. Reid, fuel.....	16 25
Thomas F. Lynch, fuel.....	50 00
T. S. W. Keene Estate, fuel.....	10 75
C. P. Slack & Co., fuel.....	29 00
M. M. Farrington, fuel.....	15 75
Joseph Murphy, fuel.....	54 39
Whitman Grain & Coal Co., fuel.....	28 91
R. W. Cook, fuel.....	49 53
W. W. Josselyn, fuel.....	7 50
H. D. Reed, fuel.....	4 00
F. J. Reid, milk.....	43 52
W. F. Glover, milk.....	2 96
H. C. Gardner & Son, milk.....	1 12
E. K. Carleton, milk.....	2 48
E. J. Gaffney, goods.....	37 65
Marble & Nevins, goods.....	33 34
B. F. Bowker, goods.....	31 25
E. S. Whitmarsh, goods.....	12 65
F. M. Porter, goods.....	1 50
A. R. Warfield, goods.....	2 00
Wyzanski Bros., goods.....	12 00
Cain Crowley, shoes.....	2 50
A. L. Shirley, M. D., services.....	42 18
W. B. Bannerman, M. D., services.....	2 00
Dr. Charles Hammond, services.....	11 50
Medical attendance.....	12 55
Nursing.....	14 00
Colebrook Cemetery Association, burial infant.	4 50
City of Boston.....	122 86

City of Brockton.....	\$239 61
City of Northampton .....	79 80
City of Marlboro.....	17 00
Town of Plymouth.....	397 20
Town of Hanover .....	63 55
Town of Winchendon.....	6 50
Town of Leominster.....	233 40
Town of Stoughton.....	113 00
Town of Easton.....	75 00
Town of Avon.....	24 00
Town of Hanson.....	1 00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.....	250 09
Miscellaneous items.....	21 75

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\$10,434 68

BENJAMIN C. REED,	}	Overseers
TIMOTHY F. KENNEALLY,		of the
CHARLES E. LOVELL,		Poor

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ELMER C. COBB,		

January 28, 1909.

## ASSESSORS' REPORT

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### APPROPRIATIONS ASSESSED IN 1908

Schooling proper.....	\$26,000 00
Text books and supplies.....	500 00
Superintendent of Schools.....	1,000 00
School incidentals.....	2,000 00
Repairs of highways, bridges and drains....	5,000 00
Sidewalks.....	800 00
Highway incidentals.....	500 00
Removing snow.....	500 00
Street lighting.....	5,000 00
Support of poor.....	6,500 00
Town officers and committees.....	3,500 00
Town incidentals.....	2,500 00
Abatement of taxes and Collectors' fees.....	1,800 00
Police service.....	2,800 00
Care of Whitman Park.....	850 00
Public Library .....	2,000 00
Decoration of Soldiers' graves.....	150 00
Water Sinking Fund.....	2,500 00
Running expenses of Fire Department.....	1,200 00
Pay of firemen .....	2,119 00
Water for 155 hydrants.....	3,100 00
New hose.....	387 00
Tree Warden.....	250 00
Gypsy and brown-tail moths .....	1,575 00
Military aid, Chapter 391, Acts of 1894 ....	120 00

Soldiers' relief, Chapter 447, Acts of 1890..	\$1,800 00
Interest on temporary loan.....	3,000 00
Interest on permanent loan.....	4,560 00
Town notes.....	9,000 00
Concrete sidewalks.....	1,000 00
Repairs and sidewalks, Winter street.....	400 00
Repairs to concrete sidewalks from Cleveland's Drug Store to Congregational Church.....	500 00
Balance to pay on Town Hall.....	4,000 00
Repairs to Hose No. 2.....	175 00
Chemical engine.....	1,500 00
Piano.....	565 00
Canvas floor covering for Town Hall.....	325 00
Fire-alarm box, corner Alden street and Park avenue.....	75 00
Security bonds.....	125 00
Vital records.....	100 00
Completion of fire-station stable.....	490 00

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\$100,266 00

State tax, 1908.....	7,150 00
State highway tax, 1908.....	84 85
County tax, 1908.....	5,923 08
Non-resident bank tax.....	192 00
Overlay.....	550 90
Gained by fractions in computing.....	45

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\$114,167 28

Anticipated receipts.....	1,500 00
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\$112,667 28



## VALUATION IN 1908

Real estate assessed.....	\$3,763,915 00
Personal estate assessed (excluding resident bank stock).....	\$954,135 00
Resident bank stock.....	23,478 00
	<hr/> 977,613 00
	<hr/> \$4,741,528 00

Tax on \$4,741,528.00 @ \$22.80 per thou- sand .....	\$108,106 83
Number of ratable polls 2,184, @ \$2.00.....	4,368 00
Non-resident bank tax.....	192 00
Gypsy moth tax .....	85 46
Gained in computing.....	45
	<hr/> \$112,752 74

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AMOUNT COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR AS PER  
WARRANT

Old Colony Street Railway Co., excise tax...	\$1,476 05
Brockton and Plymouth Street Railway Co., excise tax.....	49 46
Sidewalk tax .....	276 88
Personal estate taxed additional \$11,179 ....	254 87
Number of additional polls assessed 10, @ \$2	20 00
	<hr/> Total amount committed to collector.... \$114,830 00

## SUMMARY OF PERSONAL ESTATE

Stock in trade .....	\$441,650 00
Machinery .....	232,225 00
Live stock .....	47,955 00
Other ratable property .....	255,783 00

## STATISTICS MAY 1, 1908

Population of town.....	7,464
Number of acres of land.....	3,977
Number of dwelling houses assessed.....	1,468
Number of horses assessed.....	448
Number of cows assessed.....	285
Number of sheep assessed.....	3
Number of neat cattle assessed.....	25
Number of swine assessed .....	26
Number of fowl assessed.....	1,980
Number of persons assessed on property.....	1,564
Number of persons assessed for poll tax only....	1,391

Total value of land exclusive of buildings....\$1,218,365 00

Total value of buildings exclusive of land... 2,545,550 00

Total value of real estate assessed.....\$3,763,915 00

Total value of personal estate assessed..... 977,613 00

Total valuation .....\$4,741,528 00

ISAIAH T. CHURCHILL,	} Assessors of Whitman
ARTHUR D. B. BUTLER,	
BENJAMIN F. PETERSON,	

Whitman, January 1, 1909.

# HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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## REPORT OF HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

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The Highway Surveyor respectfully submits the following report :—

Have made permanent improvement on Washington street by constructing two thousand, six hundred and twenty-eight lineal feet of Macadam, beginning at or near the residence of I. T. Churchill to the Mount Zion Cemetery, which completes a Macadam way from the Abington line to the East Bridgewater line.

Resurfaced four thousand, six hundred and twenty lineal feet of concrete sidewalks on South avenue and Washington street.

Built one thousand, two hundred and eighty-two lineal feet of concrete walk on South avenue, near the Methodist Church; four hundred and eighty lineal feet on Franklin street, and one thousand and eleven lineal feet on School street.

Constructed about two hundred and sixty yards of cement sidewalk near the Town Hall.

Erected three hundred and thirteen feet of quarried edge-stone and ninety feet of field stone; set two thousand pavings on driveways and gutters; laid four hundred and twenty-five feet of flagging for crosswalks at the northerly end of Franklin street and the easterly end of Lazel street.

Rebuilt and graded, in accordance with the town grade, the southerly end of Winter street. That constitutes the rebuilding and grading of the entire length of said street.

If the town should adopt the betterment law and the abbuttors agree to pay their assessments, the Street Department could sub-drain Franklin, Brigham, Winter streets and Hobart square. Such a drain, with a proper outlet, would drain the adjoining lands and cellars, enhance the value of their property, making them desirable for any purpose whatever, and the streets could be cared for with less expense and in much better condition throughout the year. Whoever derives any benefit from said drain under said law the town could assess a fair compensation for their utility.

It is well known that this locality is very much in need of draining on account of its peculiar situation and formation of the soil. On the easterly side of Winter and Franklin streets there is a vast tract of land that gradually slopes to the above named streets and the water accumulating there has to percolate over and under vegetable loam, as the lower strata is composed of non-porous clay and is impervious to water. Under these circumstances, the action of the frost weakens the natural condition and affords poor support in the spring months, although they could be greatly improved by removing the ground water from them. It is estimated that non-porous soil drained of ground water will support in their worst condition a load of about four pounds per square inch.

George street in the past has been quite expensive for repairs, on account of the storm water washing the road and sidewalk away. To obviate that trouble we sub-drained seven hundred and sixty-two feet with drain pipe and connected it with the catch basin on Franklin street for the outlet. Constructed two catch basins to intercept the flow of water, which will undoubtedly preclude further unusual expense for repairs on said street.

In repairing, we graveled a portion of Bedford and Auburn

streets. Enlarged the culvert on Franklin street by placing an eight-inch pipe parallel with the culvert. Erected guard rails on Bedford, Auburn and Franklin streets. Extended Burton avenue to the terminal of the layout for the reason of more cottages being erected beyond the road originally built. Rebuilt sidewalks on Chestnut and Vernon streets. Repaired a portion of the sidewalks on Linden street, Washington street, Franklin street, George street, Dyer avenue, South avenue, Myrtle avenue, Pearl street, Commercial street, Webster street, Park avenue, Lazel street, Winter street, Beulah street and Warren avenue.

In constructing Benson street the estimate for this street was made on the basis of taking the material from the town pit, but by further consideration we made a shorter haul by cutting the Essex Street Hill, which brought the expense less than the appropriation.

In building the extension of Central place, the expense on this exceeded the appropriation on account of increasing the grade on the original layout to conform to the grade at the intersection of Broad street. The excess was drawn from the highway appropriation to complete the work.

Would recommend the usual appropriations for highways, although our mileage has increased quite extensively without accession to the assets and it must cost more for repairs in accordance with the increase and traffic. If the appropriations are sufficient would advise extending Macadam on Pleasant street, the northerly end of Franklin street, also Perry avenue, to connect with the stone road at the Hanson line.

The construction of macadamized roads and the meritorious features are now so well known that their description is unnecessary.

A. A. HEALY,  
Highway Surveyor.



# FINANCIAL REPORT OF HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

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## ASSETS

Highways, bridges and drains.....	\$5,000 00
Estimated excise tax.....	1,525 00
Assessments.....	284 88
Due from State Highway Commis- sion.....	11 71
Due from Town of Hanson.....	13 00
Due from Old Colony Street Railway.	7 50
Benson street.....	800 00
Central street.....	300 00
Concrete .....	1,500 00
Sidewalks.....	800 00
Winter street.....	400 00
Incidentals .....	500 00
Snow .....	500 00

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\$11,642 09

## EXPENDED

Highways.....	\$6,825 98
Benson street.....	370 25
Central street.....	300 00
Concrete.....	1,505 00

Sidewalks.....	\$805 00
Winter street.....	400 00
Incidentals.....	501 66
Snow.....	390 08

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\$11,097 97

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Unexpended..... \$544 12

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### EXPENDED ON HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES AND DRAINS

Paid as per payroll: —

#### MEN

Patrick Driscoll.....	\$363 64
Andrew Neville .....	204 25
C. P. Reed.....	86 25
John McCarty.....	335 01
Charles Hayes.....	360 89
Patrick McCraith.....	342 76
James Quinn.....	259 71
Edward Barry .....	358 89
Sylvester Dagle.....	331 14
Michael Keating .....	350 51
George Mullen.....	231 44
John Hines .....	322 64
A. A. Healy.....	445 60
John Burnett.....	345 01
Cyrus Fortier.....	17 38
Daniel Maloney.....	37 00
Robert McCallum .....	8 00
Stephen Leavitt.....	18 00
William Quinlan.....	7 04

Charles Morey.....	\$27 50	
Patrick Murphy.....	9 68	
James Coughlin.....	25 30	
Peter Farrell.....	13 42	
John Moneghan.....	176 39	
Russell Keene.....	60 00	
Martin Nevins.....	9 24	
	<hr/>	\$4,746 69

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### TEAMS

James Poole.....	\$381 27	
John Nolan.....	346 97	
Florence McCarty.....	123 09	
C. B. Perry.....	132 01	
Thomas Lynch.....	203 39	
C. Sharpe.....	121 64	
E. E. Robbins.....	36 38	
B. F. Churchill.....	103 38	
Earl Bradley.....	87 51	
E. Benson.....	81 25	
James English.....	57 60	
H. D. Reed.....	169 85	
Patrick Nolan.....	145 03	
Michael Kenneally.....	255 01	
Clement Tyler.....	23 36	
F. R. Nevins.....	88 19	
C. D. Dyer.....	69 25	
H. Maxim.....	123 92	
C. P. Slack.....	23 75	
Bert Keene.....	69 66	
T. W. S. Keene.....	30 28	
Russell Keene.....	48 00	
A. Vaughan.....	105 42	
	<hr/>	\$2,826 71

## MISCELLANEOUS

Paid:—

J. B. Nye, stock and repairing.....	\$7 10
J. M. Penniman, express.....	1 15
Charles Tyler, repairing and use of team .....	17 30
Taunton Gaslight Co., tar .....	148 53
Charles Conant, use of teams, re- pairing scraper, sledges, etc...	22 15
Arthur Maglathlin, labor, cement, etc. ....	6 37
D. W. Ford, stone.....	46 56
R. W. Cook, coal.....	87 61
Good Roads Machine Co., edges and bolts .....	16 50
John A. Healy, labor.....	4 25
Walter Pearson, spring and key...	1 69
Good Roads Machine Co., stone forks	5 25
Good Roads Machine Co., 5 L.....	1 50
Andrew McCallum, valves, steam gauge, brass pipe, etc.....	67 84
E. C. Howard & Co., oil, lacing, washers, coal, etc.....	7 30
E. C. Howard & Co., coal.....	10 01
Fairbanks Bros. Co., shovels .....	2 10
A. Faunce, labor, spikes and nails..	86 88
Packard Bros., paint, etc .....	71 40
Charles F. Reed, stamps.....	1 00
Stephen Leavitt, labor .....	12 00
Arthur Joubert, labor.....	12 10
Patrick Murphy, labor.....	15 18
Cyrus Fortier, labor .....	15 18
Stephen Leavitt, labor .....	3 25
James Quinn, labor.....	5 28

Robert McCallum, labor.....	\$17 00
C. H. Tyler, labor.....	22 75
George Mullen, labor.....	23 76
E. F. Benson, labor.....	2 10
Buffalo Steam Roller Co., 1 grate bar.....	3 00
P. A. Howland, filling.....	79 75
Charles Conant, repairing plows, scrapers and use of teams.....	62 35
Walter Pearson, labor on roller and plow.....	6 20
C. B. Perry, sprinkling.....	1 19
E. C. Howard & Co., coal, hose, etc.	43 29
A. A. Healy, labor.....	100 00
J. M. Penniman, express.....	1 70
C. H. Tyler, team.....	26 00
George Mullen, labor.....	21 12
James Quinn, labor.....	5 28
C. A. Randall, labor.....	2 66
R. W. Cook, coal.....	8 72
Andrew Peterson Estate, brick, ce- ment and labor.....	72 65
W. C. Gurney, testing scales.....	1 27
J. M. Penniman, express.....	14 42
Town of Whitman, water rate.....	3 00
John A. Porter, lighting lanterns...	4 50
Priest, Page & Co., extension pipe, balls, etc.....	10 65
Barrett Manufacturing Co., pitch...	57 80
Barrett Manufacturing Co., pitch...	45 56
Elmer F. Benson, labor and sand...	3 86
E. C. Howard & Co., coal.....	9 80
Charles Conant, team and repairs ..	31 20
Fairbanks Bros. Co., pails and cans.	4 02
J. M. Penniman, express.....	8 83



Barrett Manufacturing Co., coal tar.	\$18 55
Fairbanks Bros. Co., lantern globe..	10
R. W. Cook, pipe.....	35 12
W. C. Gurney, testing scale .....	1 00
Arthur Maglathlin, labor and stock.	11 71
James Poole, labor.....	2 75
Daniel Russell Boiler Works, steel rivets and labor.....	9 75
Arthur C. Harvey, brush brooms...	2 00
Andrew H. Peterson Estate, brick, cement and labor.....	34 85
E. C. Howard & Co., mattock, etc..	2 12
E. C. Howard & Co., coal .....	9 23
John Porter, lighting lanterns.....	2 25
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., freight...	54
James Quinn, labor.....	5 00
John Porter, lighting lanterns.....	1 00
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., freight...	33 08
George Mullen, labor.....	12 32
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., freight...	4 14
Southern Massachusetts Telephone Company .....	6 65
John A. Porter, lighting lanterns..	1 00
Barrett Manufacturing Co., tar.....	37 10
Granite Railway Co., curbing.....	229 48
E. C. Howard & Co., wedges and cement .....	2 39
Barrett Manufacturing Co., pitch..	20 86
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., freight ..	16 25
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., freight...	16 44
John A. Porter, lighting lanterns..	75
John A. Porter, lighting lanterns...	1 50
C. Conant, teams and repairs.....	33 20
Granite Railway Co., curbing.....	104 77

Elmer F. Benson, teams.....	\$10 89
Arthur Maglathlin, cement side- walk.....	213 50
J. M. Penniman, express.....	20 03
Michael Kenneally, man and team..	1 50
A. Faunce, lumber and nails.....	12 60
Thomas Lynch, teams.....	28 50
C. P. Slack, grinding scythes.....	3 50
Charles Conant, teams.....	25 70
John A. Porter, lighting lanterns ..	1 75
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., freight...	16 09
John A. Porter, lighting lanterns ..	75
James Quinn, labor.....	5 28
Pratt Foundry Co., basin grate.....	7 00
Joseph B. Nye, stock and repairs...	9 58
Granite Railway Co., paving.....	68 34
Andrew H. Peterson Estate, cement and brick.....	19 90
E. F. Benson, moving stone.....	50
Charles Conant, repairs and teams..	36 35
M. Kenneally, labor.....	2 00
M. Kenneally, labor.....	1 75
C. E. Whidden, filling.....	3 84
J. M. Penniman, express.....	35
J. R. Connell, repairs.....	3 20
C. E. Whidden, filling.....	4 26
Fairbanks Bros., coal hod.....	55
J. O. Livingston, painting signs....	3 20
E. C. Howard & Co., pipe.....	2 40
E. C. Howard & Co., nails, wedges, etc. ....	5 13
George A. Clift, oil, globes, etc....	18 82
C. H. Tyler, team.....	19 50
R. J. Considine, stamps.....	49

James Quinn, labor.....	\$5 28
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., freight ...	50
C. H. Tyler, team.....	3 25
Patrick Nolan, team.....	22 75
Pratt Foundry Co., catch basin ....	28 00
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### INCIDENTALS

Paid:—

E. C. Howard & Co., chain, etc....	\$ 82
J. O. Livingston, lettering signs...	12 40
E. C. Howard & Co., coal.....	4 50
Andrew H. Peterson Estate, labor and cement.....	2 50
R. W. Cook, coal .....	14 01
Hinds & Coon, axle grease.....	2 50
Russell Keene, labor.....	12 00
H. Maxim, labor.....	1 25
Farrell Foundry Co., two A spring washers, etc.....	91 90
Chas. C. Wingate.....	40
Fairbanks Bros. Co., screws, bolts, iron, etc.....	31 85
E. E. Robbins, labor .....	20 00
C. H. Holt, labor on boiler.....	3 75
C. H. Batchelder Co., coal bags ....	5 10
Waldo Brothers, picks.....	6 00
Farrell Foundry Co., C. and H. babbit .....	22 50
J. M. Penniman, express.....	20 71
William Ripley, labor.....	4 25
Peter Dolan, handles .....	1 20
Patrick Nolan, stone.....	28 95
Sylvester Dagle, labor.....	19 50

George Mullen, labor .....	\$22 00	
James Quinn, labor.....	10 56	
Robert McCallum, labor.....	12 00	
F. McCarty, stone.....	2 99	
Thomas Toomey, labor.....	1 25	
Walter Pearson, steel and labor....	4 35	
E. F. Benson, stone.....	2 43	
Earl Bradley, stone.....	40 03	
E. C. Howard & Co., stone.....	1 18	
A. C. Deering, stone.....	2 00	
Farrell Foundry Co., steel spring...	75	
Albert Faunce, boards and labor...	3 18	
Farrell Foundry Co., repairing crusher.....	79 95	
Patrick Nolan, stone.....	55	
Farrell Foundry Co., box babbitted	8 75	
J. R. Connell, repairs.....	3 60	
		\$501 66

### REMOVING SNOW

Paid:—

Andrew Neville.....	\$2 00
Michael Kenneally.....	17 00
E. E. Robbins.....	8 63
Patrick Driscoll.....	4 75
Patrick Desmond.....	4 75
Fred Smith.....	4 75
Arthur Smith.....	4 75
George Smith .....	4 75
William Treptom.....	4 75
Max Blumburg .....	25
James Poole.....	9 50
James Quinn .....	1 13
Michael Keating .....	2 00

Sylvester Dagle.....	\$1 75
Michael Maloney.....	5 00
Everett Fullerton.....	1 50
John Nolan .....	11 00
Andrew Neville.....	2 00
Charles Hayes.....	2 00
John Moneghan.....	2 00
John Moneghan, Jr.....	2 00
Thomas Lynch.....	5 00
C. B. Perry.....	23 25
E. E. Robbins .....	4 25
John Nolan .....	6 00
James Poole.....	4 00
A. A. Healy.....	30 00
Wilson Sears .....	4 00
Whitman Ice Co .....	20 25
Michael Kenneally.....	3 50
Thomas Lynch.....	6 00
Andrew Neville.....	50
E. E. Robbins .....	1 25
John Nolan .....	4 00
C. B. Perry .....	7 75
Whitman Ice Co .....	3 50
B. F. Churchill.....	18 75
James Poole.....	2 00
C. R. Conant .....	24 00
Michael Kenneally.....	1 75
Thomas Lynch.....	2 00
Wilson Sears .....	2 00

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 \$270 01



## BILLS ON SNOW ACCOUNT

Paid: —

Wilson Sears.....	\$15 00	
J. B. Nye, mill work, etc .....	9 30	
Charles Conant, teams.....	17 00	
Tyler Carriage Co., picks and team.	10 30	
Rent of office.....	25 00	
D. B. Gurney Estate, filling.....	80	
Commonwealth Shoe and Leather Co., tubes.....	2 25	
James Poole, team.....	1 63	
John Nolan, team .....	1 63	
Charles Hayes, labor.....	1 00	
M. Keating, labor .....	1 75	
Patrick McCraith, labor .....	75	
Joseph B. Nye, bolts and lumber...	3 51	
Charles Conant, repairing.....	30 15	
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## BENSON STREET

Appropriation .....	\$800 00	
Expended.....	370 25	
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Unexpended.....	\$429 75	

## CENTRAL STREET

Appropriation .....	\$300 00	
Expended.....	\$300 00	

## CONCRETE

Appropriation .....	\$1,500 00
Expended.....	1,505 00
Excess .....	\$5 00

## SIDEWALKS

Appropriation .....	\$800 00
Expended.....	805 00
Excess .....	\$5 00

## WINTER STREET

Appropriation .....	\$400 00
Expended.....	\$400 00

## INCIDENTALS

Appropriation .....	\$500 00
Expended.....	501 66
Excess .....	\$1 66

## SNOW

Appropriation .....	\$500 00
Expended.....	390 08
Unexpended.....	\$109 92

## SUMMARY

## ASSETS

Highways, bridges and drains .....	\$5,000 00	
Estimated excise tax.....	1,525 00	
Assessments.....	284 88	
Due from State Highway Commission.....	11 71	
Due from Town of Hanson .....	13 00	
Due from Old Colony Street Railway.....	7 50	
Benson street.....	800 00	
Central street.....	300 00	
Concrete.....	1,500 00	
Sidewalks.....	800 00	
Winter street.....	400 00	
Incidentals.....	500 00	
Snow .....	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$11,642 09
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## EXPENDED

Highways.....	\$6,825 98	
Benson street.....	370 25	
Central street.....	300 00	
Concrete.....	1,505 00	
Sidewalks.....	805 00	
Winter street.....	400 00	
Incidentals.....	501 66	
Snow .....	390 08	
	<hr/>	\$11,097 97
Unexpended.....	544 12	
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We have this day examined the foregoing and find it correct and supported with proper vouchers.

G. HOWARD SOULE, }  
ELMER C. COBB, } Auditors.

Whitman, January 20, 1909.

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### ESTIMATES FOR 1909

Highways, bridges and drains in addition to excise tax.....	\$5,000 00
Sidewalks.....	800 00
Incidentals .....	500 00
Removing snow.....	500 00

## REPORT OF STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

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In submitting our annual report for the consideration of the citizens, we wish to again call the attention of the voters to the fact that there is at present no contract existing between the town of Whitman and the Edison Illuminating Company. And in the minds of the committee it is a question whether at this time, and under the existing conditions, it would be advisable for the town to make any change.

Whitman is at present paying for three arc lights, eighty dollars per annum, and for the incandescents twelve and one half dollars, each, per annum. While the cost of arcs is about the average for the hours of service, the cost of incandescents is lower by from two to four dollars than any town about us.

There is also a strong probability of a gas plant being installed in the near future which might be utilized for street lighting purposes, and brought into competition with the Edison Illuminating Company.

During the past year the necessity of having the lights turned on in the early morning, one hour before dawn, has become so apparent that the committee took the matter up with the Edison Illuminating Company, but were unable to get the increased service without the additional cost of three dollars per arc and one dollar each for incandescents. As the number of arcs in town is thirty-two and incandescents one hundred and ninety-three it can be readily seen that the increased cost would amount to two hundred and eighty-



nine dollars (\$289.00). And the committee had no authority to establish the same without a vote of the town.

The committee however are convinced that this service should be established from November 15 to February 15, and have inserted an article in the warrant in order to bring the matter to the attention of the voters.

The following is the financial report for the past year: —

Paid Edison Illuminating Co. :

February 3, 1908.....	\$408 31
March 2, 1908.....	411 23
April 3, 1908.....	411 23
May 4, 1908.....	411 23
June 1, 1908.....	411 23
July 6, 1908.....	411 23
August 3, 1908.....	411 23
September 1, 1908 .....	411 68
October 5, 1908.....	412 27
November 6, 1908 .....	412 27
December 7, 1908.....	412 27
January 1, 1909 .....	412 27
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Total .....	\$4,936 45
Appropriation .....	5,000 00
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Balance unexpended.....	\$63 55

The committee call for an appropriation for the ensuing year of \$5,000.00.

Signed,

JAMES T. CONDON,  
L. F. TROW,  
JAMES HOLLAND.

## REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE

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TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

GENTLEMEN:—The report of this department for the year ending December 31, 1908, is respectfully submitted herewith.

Number of arrests.....	96
Males .....	94
Females .....	2

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### CAUSE OF ARRESTS

Assault.....	2
Cruelty to animals.....	1
Bastardy.....	1
Breaking and entering.....	2
Delinquent children.....	5
Disturbing the peace.....	17
Disturbance on car.....	1
Drunkenness .....	39
Gaming.....	2
Insanity.....	2
Keeping a gaming place.....	3
Keeping and exposing liquor for sale.....	8
Larceny.....	4
Non-support of family .....	3
Taking fish from a stocked pond.....	1

Vagrant .....	1
Violating town by-laws.....	2
Violating milk law.....	2
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	96

The above arrests were made by the following officers :—

Patrick H. Smith.....	56
Leroy L. Phinney.....	14
Timothy F. Hayes.....	8
Francis J. Winslow.....	7
Foster J. Rand.....	5
Levi W. Stetson.....	4
Albert L. Brouillard.....	2
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	96

#### FINAL DISPOSITION OF CASES

Committed to House of Correction.....	5
Committed to State Farm.....	6
Committed to Insane Hospital.....	2
Committed to Massachusetts Reformatory.....	2
Number of persons paid fines .....	19
Number of persons paid cost of Court.....	3
Number of persons awaiting disposition of Court.....	42
Number of persons appealed.....	5
Number of persons discharged by Court.....	5
Number of persons had case placed on file.....	1
Number of persons had case placed on probation.....	2
Number of persons turned over to out of town officers.....	4
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## MISCELLANEOUS

Number of tramps cared for.....	4
Number of disabled persons cared for.....	2
Number of cases investigated.....	90
Number of buildings found open at night.....	78
Number of search warrants for intoxicating liquors...	12
Number of search warrants for stolen property.....	2
Number of bicycles found.....	4
Value of stolen property recovered.....	\$225
Amount of imprisonment imposed by Court—3 years, 1 month and 5 days.	

In conclusion, permit me to extend to the Board of Selectmen my grateful appreciation for their uniform courtesy and co-operation; also to the citizens and police for their support during the past year.

PATRICK H. SMITH,  
Chief of Police.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

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In making our annual report for the year of 1908, we would say that the general health of the townspeople has been more than satisfactory to the board, there having been no epidemics of any kind during the year.

The cases of contagious diseases reported were as follows : Measles, 10 ; varicella, 2 ; scarlet fever, 8 ; typhoid fever, 6 ; tuberculosis, 6 ; total 32. All were recorded and reported to Superintendent of Schools and State Board of Health as required by law.

All places where contagious diseases have existed, and where tuberculosis cases have died or moved out, have been fumigated. All have been handled in such a way as to confine the disease to the place of inception and thus prevent epidemics.

The odorless excavator is doing good work and is still in the hands of Mr. Kenneally who is very prompt in answering all calls and is a great help to the board in keeping the town in a healthful condition.

There has been practically no dumping of refuse in the streets during the past year. We have closed the dump on Essex street on the land of Mr. Kenneally and shall allow no dumping there in the future. We have laid out quite a sum of money on the road leading from the Brockton road to the public dump so that it is now passable and we would request that all persons who have refuse or rubbish of any kind to be disposed of, would see that it is taken there.



The work of substituting cesspools for open sink drains has been pushed and a large number of tight well-ventilated vaults and cesspools have been put in; a larger number, in fact, than in any previous year.

The work of milk inspection is still going on with the best of results, the bacteria having been reduced to the minimum, only one of the last twenty-four samples carrying more bacteria to the cubic centimeter than allowable under the rules adopted by this board. We also find an appreciable falling-off of the diseases that children are subject to during the summer months.

We still urge upon the citizens of the town the great and growing necessity of some kind of a system of sewerage, and as it will take a long time to bring it about, we think the question should be agitated and some actual steps taken to forward the matter.

Some time in the summer it was reported that the Abington & Whitman Ice Company were contemplating the erection of a large ice house on land owned by them on the shore of Hobart Pond, near Colebrook Cemetery. Complaint was made to this board, a large petition was presented to us and we took the matter to Mr. Goodnough, State Board Engineer. We also had several meetings and heard the arguments pro and con, and decided that we had no authority to prevent the building of the ice house, our only remedy being to stop the cutting of ice on the pond. Mr. Goodnough said he had had the water of the pond analyzed, and he thought, perhaps, ice could be cut on the pond under certain restrictions that would be safe to use for domestic purposes. He also said that the local board had full power to say what should be done in the matter, the State Board being advisory. We know that the waters of Hobart Pond are contaminated in many ways and soon will have to be discarded, so far as cutting ice there for domestic purposes are concerned, but after due consideration, we

decided to give the company a permit to cut ice there for another year under restrictions recommended by the State Board.

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### REPORT OF THE CATTLE INSPECTOR

Inspected for slaughter: Beeves, 11; swine, 9; veal, 7. Cattle on premises of owners, 396; swine, 268; sheep, 5; goats, 4. Premises inspected, 107. Investigated 3 cases of reported glanders; killed 1. Investigated 7 cases reported tuberculosis; killed 1. Investigated 5 cases reported rabies; killed 1.

O. F. BUMPUS, Inspector.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. EDSON, Chairman.	} Board of Health.
LUCIUS COOK,	
O. A. BEMIS, Secretary.	

## REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARMENT

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TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN  
OF WHITMAN :

GENTLEMEN :—We hereby submit this, our annual report of the condition of the department during the past year :

We have responded to seventeen bell and nine still alarms, and have used 8,100 feet of hose, 846 feet of ladders and 182 gallons of chemicals.

The equipment consists of a hook and ladder truck, two hose wagons, one hose reel and a chemical engine, the latter having been purchased during the past year, at a cost of \$1,500, the amount appropriated.

In order to put this into commission, we were obliged to purchase harnesses, blankets, soda, etc., at an added expense of about \$200.

There is in the department 4,250 feet of double-jacket hose and 1,600 feet of single-jacket.

Five hundred feet of double-jacket has been purchased, and we recommend that 500 feet more be purchased the coming year.

The fire-alarm system consists of one storage battery plant, one compressed air plant for blowing whistle, one whistle machine, two bell machines, twenty-one miles of wire, thirty street boxes, bell tappers in engineers' and drivers' houses, and gongs and indicators in stations.

The storage battery will have to be renewed the coming year, otherwise the fire-alarm system is in first-class condition.

We would still remind our citizens that they would be better protected if street boxes were placed in the localities as suggested in our last annual report.

We have been trying from year to year to complete the Central Fire station. The past year we have completed the stable, equipping it with eight stalls and a hay loft. There is now in the station every night six horses for the various pieces of apparatus. Arrangements have been made whereby one pair remains there all the time to run with the chemical.

We would recommend that this station be further completed the coming year by cementing the cellar, installing a bath, etc., on the inside, and by building a manure vault on the outside.

Telephones have been placed in the Central and East Side stations and in engineers' houses. We request the citizens to use these in preference to pulling a box for all small fires, especially chimney fires, as we are prepared to respond promptly.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES CONANT,	{	Board of
S. H. STAPLES,		
E. C. TAFT,		
		Fire Engineers.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF CLERK OF THE FIRE  
DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
JANUARY 4, 1908

APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS

Water for hydrants.....	\$3,100 00
Annual pay of firemen.....	1,119 00
Pay of firemen, actual duty.....	1,000 00
New hose.....	387 00
Unexpended, on sale of old house of Company No. 1.....	365 75
For completion of stable of Central Station....	490 00
For repairing house of Company No. 2.....	175 00
Chemical Engine.....	1,500 00
New boxes.....	75 00
Incidentals.....	1,200 00
Cash received for telephone tolls.....	6 56
Cash received for sale of brick.....	1 25
Receivable from School Committee on "No School" box.....	23 14
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	\$9,442 70

EXPENDITURES

Paid Water Commissioners for use of 155 hy- drants at \$20.00 each.....	\$3,100 00
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ANNUAL PAY OF FIREMEN

Paid: —

Members of Hook and Ladder Co., one year's service to January 1, 1909.....	\$332 43
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Members of Hose Co. No. 1, one year's service to January 1, 1909.....	\$170 00
Members of Hose Co. No. 2, one year's service to January 1, 1909 .....	193 33
Members of Hose Co. No. 3, one year's service to January 1, 1909.....	270 00
Horses for Chemical from October 1 to January 1, 1909.....	5 00
S. H. Staples, general care of fire alarm to January 1, 1909 .....	150 00
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	\$1,120 76

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PAY OF FIREMEN, ACTUAL DUTY, AT 50 CENTS PER HOUR

Paid:—

Members of Hook and Ladder Co.....	\$241 00
Members of Hose Co. No. 1.....	211 50
Members of Hose Co. No. 2 .....	131 00
Members of Hose Co. No. 3.....	223 00
Chemical No. 1 (horses and driver).....	51 50
Charles Conant .....	22 50
S. H. Staples.....	23 50
E. C. Taft.....	19 00
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	\$923 00

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NEW HOSE

Paid:—

Boston Woven Hose and Rubber Co., 500 feet of hose .....	\$321 75
Hilton Coupling Co., patent couplings .....	64 00
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	\$385 75

## COMPLETION OF STABLE AT CENTRAL STATION

Paid:—

A. D. B. Butler, stock and labor.....	\$248 51
A. R. McCallum, plumbing.....	60 74
J. C. Bryant, painting.....	29 45
Arthur Maglathlin, building wall and grading..	38 00
Fairbanks Bros. Co., stock and labor.....	58 76
E. C. Howard & Co., stall-pans, hinges, trough, etc.....	128 49
Charles H. Crocker, stock and labor.....	355 49
Fred Douglas, painting.....	18 50
Charles Conant, iron work.....	36 75
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	\$974 69

## REPAIRING HOUSE OF HOSE COMPANY NO. 2

Paid:—

B. P. Sturtevant, carpenter work as per contract.	\$100 00
Fred R. Douglas, painting.....	73 00
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	\$173 00

## CHEMICAL

Paid:—

American La France Fire Engine Company, as per contract.....	\$1,500 00
American La France Fire Engine Company, soda and acid.....	30 04
Henry K. Barnes, patent collars and pulleys ...	54 80

Henry S. West, set of double harnesses and blankets .....	\$83 00
Board of Engineers, two days each in investigation .....	18 00
Charles Conant, cash paid out for car fares....	11 10
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	\$1,696 94

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NEW BOXES

Paid:—

Gamewell Fire Alarm and Telegraph Co., 1 box	\$52 50
Pettingell-Andrews Co., wire and cross arms...	11 10
C. L. Redding, labor .....	5 25
W. B. Jones, labor .....	2 50
A. E. Bearse, labor .....	3 30
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	\$74 65

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INCIDENTALS

Paid:—

Water commissioners, water, Central station .....	\$10 81
Water commissioners, water, East Side station .....	31 98
Water commissioners, water, Auburnville station .....	6 00
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	\$48 79
Edison Electric Illuminating Co., lights, Central station .....	\$84 15
Edison Electric Illuminating Co., lights, East Side station .....	60 04

Edison Electric Illuminating Co., lights, Auburnville station.....	\$17 56	
		\$161 75
Southern Massachusetts Telephone Co., telephones in Central and East Side stations.....	\$26 92	
Southern Massachusetts Telephone Co., telephones in Engineers' houses..	25 50	
		52 42
Whitman Grain & Coal Co., coal.....	71 56	
E. C. Howard & Co., coal.....	265 01	
B. W. Atwood, rent of stable for truck of Hose Co. No. 3, 1905 and 1906.....	45 00	
Charles P. Slack, wood.....	12 00	
J. M. Penniman, freight and express charges...	9 20	
Roy F. Allen, stock and labor on fire alarm....	13 35	
S. H. Staples, extra labor on fire alarm .....	58 75	
Charles L. Redding, labor on fire alarm.....	78 38	
A. E. Bearse, labor on fire alarm.....	4 20	
C. B. Perry, use of team on fire alarm.....	12 00	
Pettingell-Andrews Co., wire and cross arms...	25 70	
Gamewell Fire Alarm and Telegraph Co., wire, gongs, elements.....	71 90	
H. C. Cleveland, acid.....	2 00	
H. H. Hovey, distilled water.....	90	
W. W. Josselyn, wood .....	6 75	
T. F. Lynch, wood.....	6 00	
Francis Cox, labor.....	18 40	
J. E. Taft, stock and labor.....	75	
C. F. Jackson, repairing foot rail.....	1 50	
John F. Hoyt, oil, polish, etc.....	8 60	
E. C. Howard & Co., supplies .....	58 18	
Whitman Grain & Coal Co., straw.....	6 68	
Charles R. Conant, straw.....	23 98	
Charles Conant, stock and labor.....	38 45	

Joseph B. Nye, repairing ladders.....	\$2 60
S. H. Staples, labor on drain.....	8 50
E. F. Benson, grading lawn.....	5 15
E. R. Powers, labor.....	3 75
J. O. Livingston, lettering door.....	1 50
H. E. Stetson, glass and putty.....	3 75
Boston Woven Hose Co., 100 feet garden hose .	14 00
J. C. Elliott, labor.....	2 00
F. H. Walker, harness hangers.....	6 00
G. C. Fiske, repairing hose pipes.....	5 50
F. R. Douglas, glass and labor.....	6 35
Charles H. Crocker, stock and labor.....	12 06
H. S. West, repairing harnesses.....	1 40
A. L. Thayer, stove and pipes.....	6 75
C. B. Perry, labor.....	12 55
L. Holbrook & Son, mattress and waste basket.	5 85
Fairbanks Bros. Co., stock and labor.....	34 97
E. C. Taft, postage and supplies .....	4 17
Town, rent of office.....	42 00

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\$1,281 05

## SUMMARY

## APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS

Water for hydrants.....	\$3,100 00
Annual pay of firemen .....	1,119 00
Pay of firemen, actual duty.....	1,000 00
New hose.....	387 00
Unexpended, on sale of old house of Company No. 1.....	365 75
For completion of stable at Central Fire station	490 00
Repairing house of Hose Co. No. 2.....	175 00
Chemical Engine.....	1,500 00
New boxes.....	75 00
Incidentals.....	1,200 00
Cash received for telephone tolls.....	6 56
Cash received for sale of old brick .....	1 25
Receivable from School Committee for labor and stock on "No School" box .....	23 14
Overdrawn.....	287 14
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	\$9,729 84

## EXPENDITURES

Hydrants .....	\$3,100 00
Annual pay of firemen .....	1,120 76
Pay of firemen, actual duty.....	923 00
New hose.....	385 75
Completion of stable at Central station.....	974 69
Repairing house of Hose Co. No. 2.....	173 00
Chemical .....	1,696 94
New boxes.....	74 65
Incidentals.....	1,281 05
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	\$9,729 84

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. TAFT,

Clerk of Fire Department.

We have this day examined the foregoing and find it  
correct and supported with proper vouchers.

G. HOWARD SOULE, }  
ELMER C. COBB, } Auditors.

January 21, 1909.



VALUATION OF TOWN PROPERTY USED AND  
IN CHARGE OF THE WHITMAN  
FIRE DEPARTMENT

House and lot, furniture and equipments on Temple street .....	\$18,700 00
House and lot, furniture and equipments on Auburn street.....	2,800 00
House and lot, furniture and equipments on South avenue .....	16,000 00
Engineers' department.....	100 00
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	\$37,600 00

ESTIMATED EXPENSE FOR 1909

Use of 155 hydrants at \$20 each.....	\$3,100 00
Fifty-eight men and eight horses at \$10 each..	660 00
Two horses at \$35 each.....	70 00
Five clerks at \$10 each .....	50 00
Janitor work at Central station.....	180 00
Janitor work at East Side station.....	100 00
Janitor work at Auburnville station.....	25 00
Actual duty at 50c. per hour.....	1,250 00
Incidentals .....	1,200 00
New hose.....	387 00
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	\$7,022 00

FIRE ALARM

Superintendent, general care.....	\$150 00
Incidentals .....	300 00
Renewing battery.....	160 00
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	\$610 00

# ROLL OF THE WHITMAN FIRE DEPARTMENT

## FOR THE YEAR 1908

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### CHIEF ENGINEER

Charles Conant.

### ASSISTANT ENGINEERS

S. H. Staples.

E. C. Taft.

### CLERK

E. C. Taft.

### SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARM

S. H. Staples.

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### C. F. ALLEN HOOK AND LADDER CO. NO. 1

Captain, F. R. McCallum.

First Lieut., Fred Cushing. Third Lieut., C. A. Brigham.

Second Lieut., Francis Cox. Treasurer, Lloyd Faunce.

Clerk, C. A. Brigham.

Sixteen men and two horses.

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### CHEMICAL NO. 1

Lieutenant in charge, A. C. Freeman.

Three men and two horses.

D. B. GURNEY HOSE CO. NO. 1

Captain, A. W. Lovell.

First Lieut., W. H. Ladd. Clerk-Treas., F. N. Winslow.

Second Lieut., A. C. Freeman.

Fourteen men and two horses.

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HOSE CO. NO. 2

Captain, C. B. Peterson.

First Lieut., E. R. Powers. Clerk-Treas., C. K. Mansfield.

Second Lieut., W. C. Josselyn. Steward, E. R. Powers.

Fourteen men and two horses.

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HOSE CO. NO. 3

Captain, J. C. Elliott.

First Lieut., T. F. Lynch. Clerk-Treas., E. E. Harding.

Second-Lieut., S. B. Dyer.

Fourteen men and two horses.

# LIST OF FIRES AND ALARMS DURING THE YEAR 1908.

DATE.	BOX.	TIME.	KIND OF BUILDING.	OWNER OR OCCUPANT.	ORIGIN OF FIRE.	LOSS ON BUILDING.	INSURANCE PAID.	LOSS ON PERSONAL PROPERTY.	INSURANCE PAID.
Jan. 4,	Still	9.45 P.M.	Wood	Alex. Joubert	Soot in chimney	None	None	None	None
Jan. 23,	Still	8.35 P.M.	Wood	Austin Churchill	Soot in chimney	None	None	None	None
Jan. 30,	Still	7.00 A.M.	Wood	D. B. Gurney Est.	Soot in chimney	None	None	None	None
Jan. 30,	127	8.20 P.M.	Wood	— Cameron	Soot in chimney	None	None	None	None
Feb. 8,	123	9.40 A.M.	Wood	Corthell School	O'erh'td furnace	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	.....	.....
Feb. 23,	123	9.40 A.M.	Wood	Com. S. & L. Co.	Ac. ex. of naptha	None	None	\$212.00	\$212.00
Apr. 3,	Still	8.20 P.M.	Wood	W. Everson Est.	Soot in chimney	None	None	None	None
Apr. 20,	5-5	2.40 A.M.	.....	Aid to E. B. water	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Apr. 23,	34	12.47 P.M.	.....	Fire off Lazel st.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sept. 20,	Still	9.00 A.M.	Wood	Horte Ice House	Unknown	800.00	None	None	None
Oct. 6,	37	12.55 P.M.	Wood	Whitman Mf. Co.	Sp'ks f'm engine	5.00	None	None	None
Oct. 13,	26	11.54 A.M.	Wood	Bates School	Boys & matches	352.00	214.55	.....	.....
Oct. 13,	35	1.45 P.M.	.....	Fire off Ply'th st.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oct. 17,	39	6.10 P.M.	.....	Julie Chareth	Burning rubbish	None	None	None	None
Oct. 17,	Still	11.00 A.M.	Wood	Bates' Fish M'kt	Soot in chimney	None	None	None	None
Oct. 22,	Still	10.00 A.M.	Wood	G. F. McConney	Soot in chimney	None	None	None	None
Nov. 7,	Still	9.45 P.M.	Wood	Pratt House	Soot in chimney	None	None	None	None
Nov. 8,	125	11.35 A.M.	Brick	Jenkins' Block	Cig. w'ste bs'ket	.....	.....	5.00	None
Nov. 17,	32	10.30 A.M.	Wood	Dunbar Estate	Overheated stove	5.00	None	None	None
Nov. 22,	139	10.00 A.M.	Wood	Mrs. Sullivan	Hot grease	None	None	None	None
Nov. 23,	138	1.20 A.M.	.....	False Alarm	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nov. 26,	125	1.35 P.M.	Wood	Grandon Stable	Unknown	1,100.00	100.00	150.00	None
Nov. 28,	35	2.40 A.M.	Wood	K. McLeod	Defective ch'n'y	400.00	400.00	284.61	284.61
Dec. 1,	3	12.10 A.M.	Brick	Atwood Box Mill	Sh'v'gs in blow'r	None	None	None	None
Dec. 21,	Still	11.45 A.M.	Wood	Roland Chase	Soot in chimney	None	None	None	None
Dec. 21,	39	7.50 P.M.	Wood	Alice Ledoux	Unknown	34.61	34.61	Not adjusted	Not adjusted

## REPORT OF THE FOREST WARDEN

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TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN  
OF WHITMAN:

GENTLEMEN: — The Forest Warden and Deputies hereby submit the first annual report of the department for the year 1908.

We have responded to two bell and twenty-four still alarms during the past year.

The cause of these fires is no doubt due to careless smoking by berry pickers and gunners, other than those along the railroad track, where it can be traced to sparks from engines.

We would recommend that the town adopt Chapter 209 of the Revised Laws of 1908 at the coming March meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. RANDALL,

Forest Warden.

CHARLES CCNANT,	}	Deputy Forest Wardens.
SELWIN H. STAPLES,		
E. CLIFTON TAFT,		

# FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CLERK OF FOREST WARDENS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 4, 1909

Cash received on orders of Selectmen.... \$290 60

Paid:—

Members of Hook and Ladder Company..	\$71 00
Members of Hose Company No. 1.....	69 50
Members of Hose Company No. 2.....	14 00
Members of Hose Company No. 3.....	79 50
Charles Conant .....	16 50
S. H. Staples .....	14 50
E. C. Taft.....	10 00
C. A. Randall .....	2 35
E. C. Howard & Co., shovels .....	11 50
H. B. Harding, printing.....	1 75
	————— \$290 60

No appropriation.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. TAFT, Clerk.

We have this day examined the foregoing and find it correct and supported with proper vouchers.

G. HOWARD SOULE, }  
ELMER C. COBB, } Auditors.

Whitman, January 21, 1909.



## REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

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This spring I purchased one hundred rock maple and linden trees, and set out seventy-five of them on Commercial and other streets. They are doing well.

The elm trees were badly infested the past summer with the elm beetle. The only way of fighting these pests, being by spraying the last of May and first of June. I recommend the purchase of a power sprayer.

As much of the work that would naturally fall upon the Tree Warden is now done by the Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth Agent, such as trimming of trees, I would recommend the appropriation of only one hundred and fifty dollars for this work.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. RANDALL,

Tree Warden.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GYPSY AND BROWN TAIL MOTH WORK

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: —

A large amount of cutting and cleaning up of gypsy moth colonies in stone walls and woodlands was done in the early spring.

In May and June there were twenty-five hundred or more burlaps put on private property and five hundred and eighty on street trees. From the 15th of June until the last of August was used in destroying the larvie or caterpillars of which about 37,500 was found on private land and 3,500 on street trees. Since August the time has been used in locating and destroying the egg clusters of the gypsy moth of which 446 were found.

In 1907, 1,244 were found.

Of the brown-tail moth webs, 2,025 were found on private lands. In 1907, only 150 were found.

As far as known there is only one wood colony, which will be cleaned up before spring.

If every owner of property would cut off the brown-tail webs, even if they do not know about the gypsy (as they are hard to locate at times), they would save a small tax bill.

The State Inspector and myself think that we have the moths well under control at the present time.

Would recommend the sum of fourteen hundred dollars (\$1400) be appropriated for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. RANDALL,

Local Superintendent of Moth Work.

## WHITMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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### REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

The Trustees were not able to maintain the Library this year with the appropriation of \$2,000. There is now due the Charles E. Lauriat Company of Boston, \$268.27, for books which must be paid out of next year's appropriation. While the appropriation was \$2,000, one more assistant had to be employed, and the Library had to pay \$385 for the rent of the rooms. In addition to the usual expenses of running the Library, it was found necessary, in moving to the new quarters to buy a new magazine cabinet; a display rack for the Library Art Club exhibits; rubber treads for the stairs, etc. To supply, to some extent, the constant demand for new books, some were bought, although the number was less than usual. Among the new books purchased were two sets of valuable reference books. The Trustees believe that if the present system of charging rent is to be continued and the Library to be kept open as many days as heretofore, an appropriation of \$2,500 will be necessary.

The Trustees regret that more do not take advantage of the privileges of the Reading Room. Here is a room, well lighted, heated and supplied with the late magazines and periodicals, and while a large number do profit by the advantages offered, yet it seems that many more might, if they only realized the fine opportunity for reading and study the town now provides.

The Trustees would ask that the young people use the books as carefully as possible, as the amount that has to be spent each year for rebinding is very large.

D. A. PARTRIDGE,  
E. J. GAFFNEY,  
E. B. BOSWORTH,  
EUGENIA F. LOVELL,  
F. J. HANLEY,  
GEORGE A. DORR.

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

The number of available books by last year's report was 10,757, adding to this number those purchased this year (208) makes our present number 10,965. This number does not include our bound magazines, or reference books. We have always on hand a large list for replacement, the most desirable of which, we hope to purchase from time to time. The Trustees have generously added to the Reading Room list this year, and there may be found in our pleasant rooms, reading for the thoughtful, as well as for the casual reader.

The following donations have been received: —

## FROM SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Annual report.

Miscellaneous collections, Vol. LIII.

Cover for Volume 35.

Index to Volume XLIX.

## FROM LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Report of the Librarian of Congress.

Want-list of periodicals, and other pamphlets.

## FROM SECRETARY OF COMMONWEALTH

Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War. Volume XVII. Whi—Zyr.

History of the Forty-fifth Regiment, M. V. M.

Acts and Resolves of Massachusetts, 1908.

Journal of the Senate.

Journal of the House of Representatives, 1908.

Report of the Commissioner of Education on Industrial Education.

Report of the Commissioner of Education. Vols. 1 and 2, 1907.

Trial of Charles Tucker. Volume 2.

Miscellaneous writings of the late Joseph P. Bradley, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of United States.

Massachusetts vital records of Billerica, Dudley, Essex, Hamilton, Marblehead. Vol. 3, Marlborough, Middlefield.

Manual for the General Court, 1908.

Twenty-first Annual Report of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Fifty-sixth Annual Report of the Founding of the City of Boston.

Thirty-eighth Report of Selectmen's Minutes, 1811-1813.

#### PAMPHLETS

Address of Hon. C. J. Bonaparte on "Public Opinion and Civil Service Reform."

Address of Charles E. Hughes on "Civil Service Reform."

Twenty-sixth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Soldiers' Home at Chelsea, Mass.

Report of the Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Lake Mohonk Conference.

Bulletins Nos. 120 and 121 of the Massachusetts Agricultural Station.

Proceedings of the Annual Meeting at Madison, Wis., on Labor Legislation.

Carnegie Hero-fund Commission.

Journal of the U. S. Infantry Association.

Clark College Record.

Report of the President of Brown University.

Women in Industry.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

List of persons assessed for a poll tax in Whitman for the year 1908.

#### LIBRARY REPORTS AND BULLETINS

Reports: Boston, Brockton, Forbes, State, Syracuse.

Bulletins: Brockton, Brookline, Hyde Park, Weymouth.



A. L. A. book-list.

The Library has also received some illustrated magazines from Mrs. Joshua Gurney, and the Electrical World for 1908 from Mr. Parkinson.

The Christian Register and Cheerful Letter from the Woman's Alliance of the Unitarian Church, Whitman, has been received as formerly.

#### STATISTICS OF CIRCULATION

History and mythology .....	388
Natural science .....	258
Sociology .....	52
Poetry and drama .....	188
Travel .....	187
Periodicals .....	1,136
Arts .....	91
Biography .....	208
Adult fiction .....	19,049
Juvenile fiction .....	12,530
Literature .....	237
Amusements .....	32
Education, philosophy and religion .....	74
Reference .....	49
Circulation for the year .....	34,479
Largest weekly circulation .....	963
Smallest weekly circulation .....	509
Largest number of volumes given out in one day ...	247
Smallest number of volumes given out in one day ...	56
Number of cards given out since last report .....	342
Total number of cards given out .....	8,178

Respectfully,

E. S. SPILSTED,

Librarian.

# REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE WHIT- MAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

EDWARD J. GAFFNEY, Treasurer,

In account with WHITMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

## DR.

Cash on hand, January 31, 1908.....	\$2 41
Received from Town Treasurer.....	2,000 00
Received from Librarian, fines.....	110 00
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	\$2,112 41
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## CR.

Paid:—

Miss E. S. Spilsted, Librarian .....	\$450 00
Miss Lucy E. Osborne, Assistant Librarian ....	198 00
Miss Celina Reed, Assistant Librarian.....	208 00
Miss D. A. Partridge, Assistant Librarian.....	108 00
Richard J. Considine, postal cards.....	1 00
George D. Soule, insurance.....	41 25
C. F. Allen, insurance.....	41 25
H. B. Harding, printing.....	23 60
M. P. O'Conner, stock and labor .....	48 85
F. J. Barnard & Co., rebinding books.....	83 40
H. L. Newton, painting signs.....	28 75
Library Bureau, magazine cabinet.....	75 00
Library Bureau, cards.....	10 50
Massachusetts Library Art Club, membership dues .....	6 00
Town Treasurer, rent.....	385 00
Robert Appleton Co., books.....	108 00
John Wanamaker, books .....	74 50
H. W. Wilson Co., books.....	12 00
Frank Sullivan, book .....	1 00

William Turner, magazine.....	\$3 00
Herman Goldberger, magazines.....	86 65
D. A. Partridge, magazine.....	50
J. M. Penniman, express.....	13 20
L. Holbrook & Son, baskets.....	1 50
Charles E. Lauriat Co., books, on account .....	100 00
Cash on hand, January 30, 1909.....	3 46
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	\$2,112 41
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We have this day examined the foregoing and find it correct and supported with proper vouchers.

G. HOWARD SOULE, }  
ELMER C. COBB, } Auditors.

February 1, 1909.

## REPORT OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

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Work on the Park for the past year has been confined almost entirely to taking care of the walks, lawns, shrubbery, etc. Some trees have been planted to take the place of those that have died. The pond has been cleaned and resanded.

We have laid a two inch pipe from the Alden street main to supply the pond with town water during the dry months. This has proved to be a great improvement, and is much appreciated by young and old.

The town at the annual meeting voted to add three hundred and fifty dollars to the appropriation for the purpose of erecting a band stand. After careful investigation it was found that a suitable one could not be constructed for this amount. Mr. McDermott of the Regal band offered to supply the deficiency, which he did by collections, and turned over to the Park Commissioners forty dollars which we hereby acknowledge with thanks. Members of the Regal band have expressed themselves as thoroughly pleased with the structure as being well located and suitable in every respect.

We find that as the improved portion of the Park is extended the cost of maintenance increases, and that in order to care for it properly will require six hundred dollars. We recommend the appropriation of six hundred dollars for the care of the Park and one hundred and fifty dollars for water for the pond.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Paid :—

A. Maglathlin .....	\$150 25	
C. A. Randall.....	255 00	
L. T. Adams.....	4 50	
J. B. Nye.....	3 07	
James Coughlin.....	4 00	
C. L. Redding .....	10 80	
S. M. Leavitt.....	2 00	
H. H. Barrows.....	7 50	
E. M. Fullerton.....	2 41	
E. C. Howard & Co.....	15 75	
A. R. McCallum.....	40 45	
John Nolan .....	5 25	
W. W. Josselyn.....	1 50	
J. J. Geogan .....	5 00	
James English.....	2 50	
Water Commissioners .....	36 72	
John Reilly .....	227 38	
J. T. Brewster.....	27 37	
John Mahoney.....	63 13	
John Bagley.....	4 00	
H. Maxim.....	10 35	
F. McCarthy .....	10 97	
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		\$889 90
Appropriated.....	\$850 00	
Received of Regal Band ..	40 00	
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		<u>\$890 00</u>

## FOR GRADING MONUMENT

Paid:—

E. M. Fullerton .....	\$196 30	
A. J. Bartlett.....	31 55	
John Reilly .....	21 25	
Elmer Benson .....	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$250 10

Appropriated by the town..... \$250 00

A. A. MacKEEN,	}	Park Commissioners.
W. F. COUGHLIN,		
E. E. ROBBINS,		

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We have this day examined the foregoing and find it correct and supported with proper vouchers.

G. HOWARD SOULE,	}	Auditors.
ELMER C. COBB,		

January 27, 1909.



## REPORT OF THE TOWN HALL BUILDING COMMITTEE

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The Building Committee chosen by the town to build the Town Hall, having completed their work, submit the following itemized report:

Paid:—

George Howard & Sons Co., builders.....	\$80,520 66
Aaron H. Gould, architect.....	5,114 07
Martha I. Cook, land .....	12,000 00

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### MISCELLANEOUS

Paid:—

C. H. Edson, examining title.....	\$10 75
George Huey, heating architect.....	85 00
J. B. Washburn, recording deeds.....	5 05
E. C. Howard, supplies for committee.	13 66
M. Kenneally, teaming.....	164 59
Earl Bradley, teaming.....	24 00
C. B. Perry, teaming.....	24 50
W. Sears, teaming.....	2 00
Whitman Grain and Coal Co.....	67 20
A. A. Harding, painting.....	52 83
J. O. Livingston, lettering doors.....	32 30
Barbour Stockwell Co., cess pool covers	27 50
F. A. Barnes, labor .....	1 69

A. H. Peterson Estate, mason work..	\$ 75	
W. Pearson, labor on flag pole .....	9 19	
A. D. B. Butler, labor and material ..	561 70	
H. A. Merritt, labor .....	1 50	
James Crowley, labor.....	1 25	
P. H. Smith, money paid out.....	2 75	
A. J. Bartlett, gravel .....	28 80	
J. P. Bates, entrance to drain .....	50 00	
C. L. Redding, labor and supplies ....	62 35	
M. P. O'Connor, furnishings.....	92 55	
L. Holbrook & Son, furnishings.....	55 45	
Stuart Howland & Co., electric supplies	8 03	
A. R. McCallum, work and supplies..	485 26	
H. E. Stetson, supplies.....	6 47	
H. H. Hovey, supplies .....	18 50	
J. J. Wingate & Sons, painting .....	64 19	
E. C. Howard & Co., coal and supplies	331 92	
	<hr/>	\$1,203 52

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### JANITOR WORK

Paid :—

J. F. Bosworth.....	\$10 00	
H. M. Cole.....	195 00	
James Smith .....	2 00	
A. Joubert.....	20 00	
H. T. Smith.....	1 25	
C. F. Sweeney .....	60 00	
	<hr/>	\$288 25

## GRADING

Paid:—

John Sproul Estate, filling.....	\$84 70	
John E. Raymond, labor .....	5 00	
F. McCarthy, team and labor.....	182 39	
Ed. Barry, labor .....	5 38	
H. B. Reed, labor.....	6 50	
Martin Nevins, labor .....	84 00	
John Bagley, labor .....	8 00	
J. F. O'Brien, labor .....	125 00	
P. Gallagher, labor.....	28 00	
Phillip Barry, labor.....	4 00	
Barney Clark, labor .....	4 00	
Sidney Reed, labor .....	7 50	
P. Lundrigan, labor.....	8 00	
James Crowley, labor.....	7 50	
John Reilly, labor.....	30 50	
Everett Fullerton .....	760 66	
Highway Surveyor.....	48 28	
		<hr/> \$1,399 41

## TOWN HALL FURNISHINGS

Paid:—

Knott & Co., lighting fixtures.....	\$2,148 35
American Seating Co., chairs.....	2,024 00
J. J. Wingate & Son, furnishing book case.....	38 10
The Macey Co., furnishings.....	633 50
M. P. O'Connor, curtains and fix- tures .....	239 00
The Art Metal Co., vault fittings and library stacks .....	2,506 50
H. W. Johns Manville Co., asbestos curtains .....	293 10

George Howard Sons Co., counters and grills.....	\$1,758 68	
Loring & Howard, linoleum.....	8 61	
William Levins, furnishings.....	30 00	
Fairbanks Bros.....	65 10	
	<hr/>	\$9,744 94

### SUMMARY

Paid:—

George Howard & Sons, builders .....	\$80,520 66	
Aaron H. Gould, architect .....	5,114 07	
Martha I. Cook, land .....	12,000 00	
Town Hall furnishings .....	9,744 94	
Miscellaneous.....	2,291 83	
Grading .....	1,399 41	
Janitor .....	288 25	
A. Davis, land.....	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$111,360 16

Amount appropriated.....	\$111,001 00	
Amount expended.....	111,360 16	
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Excess of appropriation.....	\$359 16	

### BUILDING COMMITTEE

MAURICE KANE, Chairman.

ERNEST C. HOWARD, Secretary.

BENJAMIN C. REED, Treasurer.

Albert Davis.

Henry W. Chandler.

Francis J. Hanley.

A. D. B. Butler.

Patrick H. Smith.

C. F. Sweeney.

## REPORT OF THE CORTHELL SCHOOL BUILD- ING COMMITTEE

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At a special town meeting held April 1, 1908, the town voted to build a four-room school building to replace the two-room CortHELL building on Whitman avenue which was burned February 8, 1908, and appropriated the sum of \$14,500 to build and furnish the same, and also voted that it be built after the general plan of the Gurney School. The undersigned were chosen as a building committee and organized April 4, with A. C. Whitmarsh as Chairman, O. H. Ellis, Treasurer, and W. E. Trufant, Secretary. Architect Charles A. Brigham of Boston was employed to redraw the Gurney plans to meet present conditions and provide for such improvements as were approved by the Committee. The roof was slated with best slate, four-foot blackboards were put in throughout the building, the basement was plastered and water closets installed in place of the cremating system used at the Gurney. The State Inspectors stated that the Gurney building fulfilled all requirements as to exits. They suggested, however, that we put in a brick wall around the stairway going to the basement, which was done.

The general contract was awarded to C. A. Randall and the cellar work to Thomas Whalan, both of this town, they being the lowest bidders. The Committee were first inclined to put in a steam plant but after careful investigation it was decided that a combination system, consisting of furnaces



for the school rooms and a steam heater for the halls and stacks was superior and cheaper for a building of this size. After visiting several schools in Lexington and Arlington, which was done by the whole Committee, the Fuller & Warren system was adopted and the contract given to them. This was not the cheapest system but superior in the plants visited. It may also be stated that the Fuller & Warren plants in this town have given better satisfaction than those of any other make for this size building.

After conferring with the School Construction Board of Boston, and others, as to seats, it was decided to put in adjustable back seats made by the American Seating Company. This style is used exclusively in Boston and is recommended by medical authorities. Sanitary drinking fountains were also adopted. All of the school rooms were furnished ready for occupancy and the grounds graded and the walks concreted. All this was done without exceeding the appropriation. The building was completed and opened for public inspection October 3, 1908.

In the interest of the town the Committee worked hard to keep down the cost, but in the exercise of true economy only the best materials and construction was used throughout, and we have a building which it is a great pleasure to turn over to the use of the town.

The Committee held eighteen meetings and supervised the construction and grading from start to finish; the architect being employed only to prepare and file plans. By this work of the Committee a saving of about \$300 in architect fees alone was made. As will be seen by the financial report the Committee make no charge for their services.

The State has made very strict rules in regard to the keeping of the regular town records and it seemed to the Committee that the records of special committees should also be preserved. This Committee would have been aided in its work if the records of previous committees had been open to



it. In view of preserving such records, a large leather bound record book properly marked has been purchased by us and the minutes of our meetings entered therein. We urge most earnestly that the town vote that the records of all future special committees be entered in this book to be preserved for reference. Heretofore committees have put great labor into investigations and made oral reports to the town which were soon forgotten and the work perhaps done over again by another committee. Permanent records will save much of such labor.

The financial report of the Committee will be found in the annual Report of the Selectmen.

A. C. WHITMARSH,  
O. H. ELLIS,  
W. E. TRUFANT,  
CHARLES D. DYER,  
MAURICE KANE.

## REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

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WHITMAN, MASS., February 8.

TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN :

The work in the department of the Sealer of Weights and Measures the past year has been carried out upon far stricter lines than ever before, and it is demanded by the new State Department. The condition of the local scales and measures was never in a better condition, and the law has been rigidly enforced. I have been greatly assisted in the work by the hearty co-operation of the Town Treasurer, Benjamin C. Reed, as well as by the owners of the scales and measures, who have, in many instances, asked that their scales be inspected closer than ever before.

There have been no willful violations of the law, and in the whole department of the work this year I have not found a single case where it looked like an effort to cover any short weight.

I have inspected 201 sets of scales, stamped 197 and condemned 4. I have stamped a number that the owners have had repaired. The weights are inspected and stamped as carefully as the scales, and the Sealer wishes that all who have any information regarding short weight or measure to inform him, and it will be promptly investigated.

There are a number of demands made by the State which do not carry any compensation with them, and in many

places the sealers are placed on salary, the receipts from the department then being turned to the town treasury.

The milkmen are conforming to the new law regarding the stamping of bottles, and are very careful in this respect. It has been the custom for the inspector to visit the milk farms and stamp the bottles there, but it may become necessary to have the bottles left at the town office. This will be determined later.

The out-of-town peddlers have been held up frequently and their scales and measures inspected. They have all shown a disposition to conform to the law, and there is a marked improvement since the State department has made an effort to brace up the local sealers and compel them to perform their duty.

W. C. GURNEY,  
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

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BENJAMIN C. REED, Treasurer,

In account with the Town of Whitman.

DR.

Balance on hand.....	\$5,586 87
Received from: —	
City of Boston.....	17 00
“ Brockton.....	562 58
“ Taunton.....	8 00
“ Marlboro.....	54 64
Town of Abington.....	289 01
“ Hanover.....	20 00
“ Scituate.....	309 23
“ Bridgewater.....	23 00
“ Hanson.....	27 50
“ Georgetown.....	7 00
“ Plymouth.....	156 00
“ Easton.....	16 13
“ Avon.....	31 33
“ Amesbury.....	541 49
“ Hanson, tuition.....	524 18
“ Plympton, tuition.....	41 66
“ East Bridgewater, tuition.....	48 00
C. O. Richmond, tuition.....	26 68
G. A. Blanchard, tuition.....	28 33
Frank Sanford, tuition.....	9 00

W. S. Rand, tuition.....	\$26 66
State Board of Charity, tuition .....	60 00
Insurance, Corthell School.....	4,000 00
Insurance, Bates' School.....	214 55
School Committee, sale of junk.....	12 00
H. E. Stetson, rebate to School Committee.....	2 75
School Committee, damage to property.....	75
County Treasurer, dog fund.....	867 72
M. Kenneally, use of excavator.....	148 80
Junk licenses.....	15 00
Small loan license.....	5 00
Auctioneers' licenses.....	10 00
Board of Health, rendering license.....	1 00
Board of Health, two undertakers' licenses....	2 00
Board of Health, slaughter house license.....	1 00
Fire Department, sale of brick.....	1 25
E. C. Taft, telephone tolls.....	6 56
Park Commissioners, gift.....	40 00
George D. Soule, for old heater.....	37 50
Old Colony Street Railway, removing snow...	7 50
Second District Court, fines.....	544 09
Tent show license.....	2 00
Billiard licenses.....	20 00
Town of Hanson, on account road department.	13 00
E. C. Howard & Co., rebate.....	1 20
Income from Town Hall.....	1,656 00
Rent from offices.....	1,200 00
State Board of Charity, in aid of poor.....	134 57
Loans in anticipation taxes.....	90,000 00
Loans in anticipation Corthell School Loan ....	10,500 00
Corthell School Loan .....	10,500 00

State Treasurer : —

Corporation tax.....	871 46
National Bank tax.....	441 81

Military aid .....	\$150 00
State aid .....	6,556 00
Burial of soldiers .....	107 00
Street Railway tax .....	997 44
Support of poor .....	39 00
Highway loan .....	11 71
Balance for 1907 .....	79 44

## Collector of Taxes:—

Taxes for year 1905 .....	1,428 26
Interest for year 1905 .....	65 39
Taxes for year 1906 .....	7,723 84
Interest for year 1906 .....	599 65
Taxes for year 1907 .....	28,472 97
Interest for year 1907 .....	773 23
Taxes for year 1908 .....	79,427 32
Interest for year 1908 .....	152 39

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\$256,255 44

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## Paid:—

Selectmen's orders .....	\$91,136 89
School Committee's orders .....	32,601 51
County tax .....	5,923 08
Temporary notes .....	85,000 00
Notes in anticipation Corthell School loan .....	10,500 00
Permanent loans .....	9,000 00
Interest on temporary loans .....	3,382 19
Interest on permanent loans .....	4,560 00

## State Treasurer:—

State tax .....	7,150 00
National Bank tax .....	190 09
Repairs of State Highway .....	84 85
Balance on hand .....	6,726 83

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\$256,255 44



## CAROLINE WHITMAN PARK FUND

In Whitman Savings Bank.....	\$1,270 48
In Plymouth Five Cents Savings Bank.....	1,334 05
In Abington Savings Bank.....	1,077 12
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	\$3,681 65

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN C. REED, Treasurer.

We have this day examined the foregoing and find it correct and supported with proper vouchers.

G. HOWARD SOULE, }  
ELMER C. COBB, } Auditors.

February 10, 1909.

## INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWN

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### PERMANENT LOANS

Town Hall loan.....	\$87,000 00
No. 2 Fire Station loan.....	10,000 00
Dyer School loan, No. 1.....	6,000 00
Dyer School loan, No. 2.....	3,300 00
Corthell School loan.....	10,500 00
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	\$116,800 00

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### LOANS DUE IN YEAR 1909

Town Hall loan.....	5,000 00
No. 3 Fire Station loan.....	2,000 00
Dyer School loan, No. 1.....	2,000 00
Corthell School loan.....	1,050 00
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	\$10,050 00

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### INTEREST ON LOANS DUE IN YEAR 1909

Town Hall loan.....	\$3,480 00
Dyer School loan, No. 1.....	231 00
Dyer School loan, No. 2.....	132 00
Corthell School loan.....	420 00
No. 3 Fire Station Loan.....	360 00
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	\$4,623 00

## WATER DEBT

Outstanding water bonds.....	\$136,000 00
Amount Sinking Fund and accumulated in- terest.....	66,972 70
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BENJAMIN C. REED, Treasurer.

## COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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BENJAMIN C. REED, Collector,

In account with the Town of Whitman.

### TAXES FOR THE YEAR 1905

Uncollected last report..... \$1,428 26

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Paid Town Treasurer..... \$1,428 26

Paid Town Treasurer, interest..... 65 39

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### TAXES FOR THE YEAR 1906

Uncollected last report..... \$10,451 93

Paid Town Treasurer..... 7,723 84

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Balance uncollected..... \$2,728 09

Paid Town Treasurer, interest..... 599 65

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### TAXES FOR YEAR 1907

Uncollected last report..... \$43,243 43

Paid Town Treasurer..... 28,423 77

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Balance uncollected..... \$14,819 66

Paid Town Treasurer, interest..... 773 23

## EXCISE TAXES FOR YEAR 1907

Brockton and Plymouth Street Railway Co....	\$49 20
Paid Town Treasurer.....	\$49 20

## TAXES FOR YEAR 1908

Amount committed.....	\$113,111 07
Paid Town Treasurer.....	77,951 27
Balance uncollected.....	\$35,159 80
Paid Town Treasurer, interest .....	152 39

## EXCISE TAXES FOR YEAR 1908

Old Colony Street Railway Co.....	\$1,476 05
Paid Town Treasurer.....	\$1,476 05
Brockton and Plymouth Street Railway Co., uncollected.....	\$49 46

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN C. REED,  
Collector.

We have this day examined the foregoing and find it correct and supported with proper vouchers.

G. HOWARD SOULE, }  
ELMER C. COBB, } Auditors.

February 10, 1909.

# TOWN OF WHITMAN

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## WATER DEPARTMENT

1908

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### Water Commissioners

E. C. HOWARD.

J. C. GILBERT.

A. R. McCALLUM.

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### Superintendent

A. R. McCALLUM

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### Foreman

F. R. McCALLUM



## WATER DEPARTMENT

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### TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS

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We herein present our annual report for the year 1908 together with the report of the Superintendent and Treasurer, where details of the business of the year in the water department, also the receipts and expenditures of the same are given. In our report for the year 1907 we made the statement that as nearly all of our principal streets had been supplied with a water main, the calls for extensions in 1908 would probably be much less than formerly, but as we are continually opening new streets and building houses which must have a supply of water, your commissioners feel that the mains should be extended to meet this demand if we wish to encourage the growth of the town. Such calls have largely exceeded our anticipations, and in order to make such extensions we sold four of the last issue of bonds at \$1,000 each for the purpose of meeting this demand, and although we have not laid any large mains, we have extended them about 2,000 feet with 1 1-2 and 2-inch pipe where no hydrants were needed and supplied all applicants with water, meters being installed in nearly every house.

The receipts from water rates for the year has exceeded the receipts for 1907 by about \$1,200.

The cost of maintenance this year is more than last, as we have taken out a large number of meters which have been in use for a long time and were getting badly worn, and had them repaired and replaced either by same or new ones.

The 871 meters now in use are in good condition and doing good work.

The water throughout the year has been exceptionally good, and although we had a very warm summer the water has been free from any bad taste or odor.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. HOWARD,	}	Water Commissioners
J. C. GILBERT,		
A. R. McCALLUM,		

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

TO THE WATER COMMISSIONERS:

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith present my annual report for the year ending December 31, 1908:—

## EXTENSIONS

The mains have been extended as follows:

Quincy place.....	227 feet	2-inch pipe
Burton avenue.....	104 feet	2-inch pipe
Temple street.....	47 feet	2-inch pipe
High street.....	527 feet	2-inch pipe
High street .....	258 feet	1 1-2-inch pipe
High street .....	96 feet	1-inch pipe
Kendrick street .....	340 feet	2-inch pipe
Winter street.....	250 feet	1-inch pipe
Lazel street .....	200 feet	1-inch pipe

## GATES

Kendrick street.....	1	2-inch
High street .....	1	2-inch
Day street.....	1	2-inch
Park avenue .....	1	2-inch

## HYDRANTS

No new hydrants have been set this year.

## SERVICES

Fifty-one new services have been installed, making a total of 1,378.

## METERS

Sixty-eight meters have been intalled, making a total of 871.

## LEAKS

No leaks of any consequence occurred this year.

## PUMPING ACCOUNT

Total amount of water pumped from Silver Lake by the city of Brockton for the year ending December 31, 1908:—

From January 1 to April 1.....	16,090,500 gallons
From April 1 to July 1.....	19,718,250 gallons
From July 1 to October 1.....	22,410,750 gallons
From October 1 to December 31 .....	16,528,500 gallons

Making a total of 74,748,000 gallons for the year and costing \$6,048.64.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. McCALLUM,

Superintendent.

SCHEDULE OF PIPING, SHOWING THE NUMBER OF FEET LAID TO  
JAN. 1, 1909, AND WHERE LOCATED.

STREETS.	Inch 16	Inch 14	Inch 12	Inch 10	Inch 8	Inch 6	Inch 4	Inch 2	Inch 1 1-2	Inch 1	Total
Alden.....						2020					2020
Arthur.....								376			376
Auburn.....				810	135	2331					3276
Bedford.....	2537	2772				3223					8592
Belmont.....								378			378
Benson Place.....								251		140	391
Beulah.....				14	2527	946					3487
Blake.....						913	28				941
Broad.....					1892						1892
Burton Ave.....								357			357
Carlton Place.....									491		491
Central Place.....						416					416
Charles.....						611					611
Cherry.....						410					410
Chestnut.....							509				509
Church.....						400					400
Commercial.....						2462					2462
Corthell Avenue.....									378		378
Cottage.....							446				446
Court.....						1105					1105
Crescent.....						639	470				1109
Day.....							698				698
Dover.....						773					773
Dyer Avenue.....						366	532				898
East Avenue.....		310				565		219			1094
Ellis Avenue.....						712		70		270	1052
Elm.....						167					167
Erin.....							607				607
Forest.....						2043					2043
Franklin.....						3109					3109
Fullerton Avenue.....						506					506

George .....	214	582	.....	.....	796
Glen .....	48	.....	.....	.....	1434
Gold .....	550	.....	.....	.....	550
Gurney Place .....	334	.....	.....	.....	334
Harvard .....	2652	.....	.....	237	2889
Hayden Avenue .....	430	.....	.....	.....	430
Hersey .....	.....	353	.....	.....	553
Hign .....	2776	.....	527	.....	3667
Hobart Square .....	406	381	.....	258	847
Jenkins Avenue .....	921	.....	.....	.....	921
Kendrick .....	.....	340	.....	.....	340
Laurel .....	682	.....	.....	.....	682
Lazell .....	345	87	.....	.....	796
Linden .....	1200	.....	.....	.....	1200
Marble .....	567	.....	.....	.....	567
Martin .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	287
Myrtle Avenue .....	978	.....	.....	.....	978
Nursery Lane .....	.....	320	.....	.....	320
Park Avenue .....	3608	.....	.....	.....	3608
Pearl .....	375	.....	.....	.....	375
Perry Avenue .....	480	.....	.....	.....	647
Pine .....	.....	1300	.....	.....	1300
Pleasant .....	11	.....	.....	.....	2863
Plymouth .....	3130	317	.....	.....	2447
Quincy Place .....	.....	690	.....	.....	690
Rock .....	1383	.....	.....	.....	1383
School .....	4230	.....	.....	.....	4230
South Avenue .....	3337	.....	.....	.....	8138
Star .....	1253	.....	389	.....	1022
Stetson .....	1415	.....	.....	.....	1415
Slack Avenue .....	384	.....	.....	.....	384
Temple .....	162	1239	.....	.....	3128
Vaughan .....	232	.....	155	.....	280
Vernon .....	804	.....	.....	.....	804
Warren Avenue .....	2553	35	.....	553	3141
Washington, North .....	2366	.....	263	.....	8664
Washington, South .....	1481	.....	.....	.....	4434
Webster .....	.....	1359	.....	.....	1359
Well .....	1636	.....	.....	.....	1636





## TREASURER'S REPORT

Received from:—

Water rates.....	\$10,268 11
Hydrant service .....	3,100 00
Meter rents.....	1,200 84
Sprinkling streets .....	135 06
Frozen meters .....	9 50
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	\$14,713 51

## GENERAL MAINTENANCE

Paid:—

A. R. McCallum, services as superintendent....	\$600 00
F. R. McCallum, labor.....	330 50
National Meter Co., repairs on meters .....	71 29
Union Water Meter Co., repairs on meters.....	136 27
John T. McCallum, labor.....	33 00
Coffin Valve Co., repairs.....	1 95
Rosa Callanan, typewriting.....	1 00
Penniman's Express.....	10 36
Charles F. Reed, envelopes.....	44 89
H. B. Harding, printing bills .....	37 25
John Bagley, labor.....	40 75
Robert McCallum, labor.....	13 75
Eagle Oil Co., packing.....	3 52
Telephone Company.....	16 53
A. R. McCallum, use of team.....	75 00
Town of Whitman, rent of office.....	84 00
Timothy Swift, labor .....	5 75
Mrs. J. L. Snow, services as clerk .....	46 50
John J. Nolan, labor.....	9 75
Florence McCarthy, labor.....	1 00
John J. Monegan, labor.....	1 75
Charles C. Wingate, account book.....	80

J. C. Gilbert, services as clerk and treasurer...	\$500 00
Boston Safe Deposit Co., box in vault.....	15 00
Frank Cox, labor.....	1 50
R. J. Considine, envelopes.....	31 87
Charles H. Edson, professional services .....	45 00
Albert Davis, rent storehouse and yard.....	158 33
B. C. Reed, collector.....	78 83
Maurice F. Greaney, powder and fuse.....	74
A. W. Harriman, painting .....	33 50
A. A. Harding, painting standpipe.....	96 94
F. R. McCallum, cash paid for freight.....	55
W. H. Daniels, sharpening picks.....	14 35
E. C. Howard & Co., supplies .....	56 91
Fred E. Sharp, services as clerk.....	71 85
A. B. Reed, lumber.....	12 37
Fairbanks Bros., supplies .....	5 88
Packard Bros., supplies.....	2 67
A. F. Holbrook, labor.....	1 00
R. W. Cook, oil.....	60
George E. Leavitt, painting.....	5 02
W. F. Alden, oil.....	5 02
J. C. Gilbert, cash paid for incidentals.....	9 03
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Total cost of maintenance.....	\$2,712 66
Interest on water loan.....	5,374 12
City of Brockton, for water.....	6,048 64
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	\$14,135 42
Balance carried to construction account...	578 09
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	\$14,713 51

## CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT

## RECEIPTS

Balance on hand January 1, 1908.....	\$1,229 05
Received from sale of bonds.....	4,069 78
Received from sale of metals.....	95 00
Received from maintenance account.....	578 09
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	\$5,971 92

## EXPENDITURES

Paid:—

National Meter Co., meters.....	\$559 00
Walworth Manufacturing Co., fittings .....	9 70
Chadwick Boston Lead Co., lead.....	15 02
Union Water Meter Co., sidewalk cocks .....	105 00
Thompson Meter Co., meters.....	100 80
Pittsburg Meter Co., meters.....	100 80
Sumner & Gerald, pipe and fittings.....	354 17
Mueller Manufacturing Co., lead connections..	83 07
Dalton, Ingersoll & Co., pipe and fittings.....	127 09
Coffin Valve Co., service boxes.....	87 50
Builders' Iron Foundry Co., meter boxes.....	33 50
John T. McCallum, labor.....	118 41
A. R. McCallum, gates and fittings.....	64 29
David Daley, labor.....	202 23
Timothy Swift, labor .....	303 25
Herbert Maxim, labor.....	1 26
Robert McCallum, labor.....	18 75
John Bagley, labor .....	227 25
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., freight .....	1 18
Charles P. Slack .....	7 50
Thomas Whalen, labor .....	2 25

Thomas Brummell, labor .....	\$84 50
Arthur C. Harvey, labor .....	5 00
John J. Nolan, labor .....	8 93
William Dempsey, labor .....	24 64
Arthur Maglathlin, concreting .....	36 44
E. C. Howard & Co., supplies .....	12 42
Fred Redding, labor .....	3 00
John McCarthy, labor .....	4 75
Michael Kenneally, teaming .....	3 00
John M. Tyler, labor .....	4 65
F. R. McCallum, labor .....	375 50
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Total cost of construction .....	\$3,084 95
Cash on hand to balance .....	2,886 97
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	\$5,971 92

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### SINKING FUND

Appropriated by town .....	\$45,000 00
Accumulated interest .....	21,972 70
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	\$66,972 70

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### INVESTMENTS

South Abington Water Loan Bonds .....	\$20,000 00
Whitman Water Loan Bonds .....	23,000 00
Lawrence City Bonds .....	9,036 25
Madison, Maine, Bonds .....	5,075 00
New Bedford Bonds . . . . .	4,893 75



City of Newport Bonds .....	\$1,033 50
Whitman Savings Bank .....	2,934 20
Boston & Albany R. R. Bond .....	1,000 00
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	\$66,972 70

CLASSIFIED WATER RATES, METER RATES,  
ETC., FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 1908

From:—

Faucet rates .....	\$2,555 36
Domestic meters .....	7,003 67
Manufacturing meters .....	709 08
Meter rents .....	1,200 84
Sprinkling streets .....	135 06
Hydrant service .....	3,100 00
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	\$14,704 01

RECAPITULATION

Total cash received for the year ending December, 31,  
1908:—

Water rates, meter rents and hydrants service.	\$14,568 95
Sprinkling streets .....	135 06
Sale of bonds .....	4,000 00
Interest on lands sold .....	69 78
Appropriation for sinking fund .....	2,500 00
Sinking fund interest .....	2,362 94
Received from frozen meters .....	9 50
Received from sale of metal .....	95 00
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1908 .....	1,229 05
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	\$24,970 28



Total cash paid : —

Interest on water loan .....	\$5,374 12
City of Brockton for pumping.....	6,048 64
General maintenance.....	2,712 66
Construction .....	3,084 95
Sinking fund.....	2,500 00
Sinking fund interest .....	2,362 94
Cash on hand to balance.....	2,886 97

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\$24,970 28

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. GILBERT, Treasurer.

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We have this day examined the foregoing and find it correct and supported with proper vouchers.

G. HOWARD SOULE, }  
ELMER C. COBB, } Auditors.

February 10, 1909.

## TOTAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION TO JAN. 1, 1909

1883-4, expended through construction committee.....	\$52,256 85
1884, expended on construction .....	3,626 68
1885, " " .....	1,285 93
1886, " " .....	6,671 67
1887, " " .....	9,989 16
1888, " " .....	8,553 51
1889, " " .....	1,671 61
1890, " " .....	7,688 28
1891, " " .....	4,002 30
1892, " " .....	6,427 91
1893, " " .....	9,144 31
1894, " " .....	1,765 22
1895, " " .....	3,858 96
1896, " " .....	5,365 07
1897, " " .....	1,917 88
1898, " " .....	1,663 70
1899, " " .....	1,392 81
1900, " " .....	2,351 08
1901, " " .....	1,981 94
1902, " " .....	801 84
1903, " " .....	1,996 04
1904, " " .....	23,277 14
1905, " " .....	4,826 62
1906, " " .....	3,157 52
1907, " " .....	9,868 34
1908, " " .....	3,084 95

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\$178,627 32

## STATISTICS OF WHITMAN WATER WORKS

WHITMAN (PLYMOUTH COUNTY), MASS.

Population, 7,464.

Works constructed, 1883-4.

Owned by town.

Source of supply, Silver Lake.

Mode of supply, pumping.

Average pressure, 65 pounds.

Total cost of works to January 1, 1908, \$178,627.32.

Total amount of outstanding bonds, \$136,000.00.

Rate of interest, 4 per cent.

Kind of pipes, cement-lined and cast iron.

Kind of hydrants, Ludlow &amp; Coffin.

Kind of gates, Ludlow &amp; Coffin.

Number of hydrants now in use, 176.

Total number of services, 1,378.

## STORAGE

Standpipe, 105 feet high, 20 feet in diameter.

Capacity, 240,000 gallons. Also connected with Brockton standpipe.

Built by Cunningham Iron Works, Charlestown, Mass.

Total length of mains, 23 miles, 2,972 feet.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF WHITMAN

MASS.

FOR THE YEAR 1908

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERMS	1908—1909	1909—1910
Fall Term. ....	Sept. 8—Dec. 18	Sept. 7—Dec. 24
Winter Term .....	Dec. 28—March 26	Jan. 3—March 25
Spring Term .....	April 5—June 24	April 4—June 25

### HOLIDAYS

Washington's Birthday, February 22.  
Patriot's Day, April 19.  
Memorial Day, May 30.  
Plymouth County Teacher's Convention.  
Thanksgiving Day and the day following.  
Visiting Day twice during the School year.

### TUITION

#### TUITION FOR NON-RESIDENT PUPILS

High School .....\$40.00 per year—\$1.00 per week  
Elementary Schools.....\$24.00 per year—\$ .60 per week

### NO SESSION SIGNALS

The signal for no session of the schools will be 2-2 sounded four times of the fire alarm whistle and bells, and on the whistle of the Regal Shoe Co., if the alarm whistle is not in order. The hours at which it may be sounded are 7.30, 7.45, 8 A. M., 12.30 and 12.50 P. M.

If the signal is given at 7.30 A. M., there will be no FORENOON SESSION OF ANY OF THE SCHOOLS.

If the signal is given at 7.45 A. M., there will be no FORENOON SESSION IN ANY SCHOOL BELOW GRADE 9.

If the signal is given at 8 A. M., there will be a session in ALL the schools EXCEPTING IN GRADES 1, 2 and 3.

The signal at 12.30 P. M. will indicate NO AFTERNOON SESSIONS IN GRADES 1, 2 and 3.

The signal at 12.50 P. M. will indicate NO SESSION IN ANY OF THE GRADES.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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	TERM EXPIRES
JAMES E. BATES.....	1909
JULIUS C. GILBERT.....	1910
MRS. EUGENIA F. LOVELL.....	1911

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### ORGANIZATION

MRS. EUGENIA F. LOVELL.....	Chairman
JAMES E. BATES.....	Secretary

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### SUB-COMMITTEES

MRS. EUGENIA F. LOVELL	{ High School Reed School
JAMES E. BATES.....	{ Bates School Dyer School Gurney School
JULIUS C. GILBERT.....	{ Hastings School Corthell School

Regular meeting of the School Committee in Room 18,  
Town Hall, on the second and fourth Tuesday of each  
month at 2.30 P. M.

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### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

GEO. F. ELLINWOOD.....	{ Residence, 27 Court Street Telephone 25-4 Office, Room 17, Town Hall Telephone 135-4
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Office Hours, Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 4 to 5  
P. M., and Monday evenings, 7 to 8 P. M.



## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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TO THE CITIZENS OF WHITMAN:

Following a time-honored custom, we present our report of the Whitman School Department, referring you, as usual, to the report of the Superintendent, for certain interesting and instructive data concerning its magnitude and management.

The year has been marked by several changes in our teaching force. The corps of janitors remains unchanged. We are fortunate in retaining Charles F. Cook as Truant Officer.

The retirement of Superintendent Walradt in June, necessitated the election of a successor. It was no easy task to select from the long list of candidates for the position.

Mr. George F. Ellinwood was elected and assumed the duties at the beginning of the school year.

In his hands the educational and business welfare of the schools have been cared for in the best possible manner. An inspection of our schools and an examination of our books will show the minute care, and power of supervision he has exercised.

The record of school administration during the year, is one marked by a quiet, steady growth. It is true that tangible improvement has appeared along various lines.

At the commencement of the school year announcement was made at the High School, of the vote of the committee, to accept an offer of an annual prize from the Chairman, Mrs. Eugenia F. Lovell. This prize is to be awarded to the

graduate having the highest general excellence in scholarship, conduct, and spirit; the winner of the prize to be determined by the principal. This offer has already proven a stimulus to more faithful and efficient work.

Special stress has been laid on the care of the school buildings, text books and supplies. Any unnecessary wear or damage, either to building or text book, is paid for by the pupil responsible for it.

Repairs have been made, to the best of our judgment, where they were most needed.

Gongs have been installed in all buildings not previously equipped, which are used for fire drill, and fire alarm purposes only. They are located in the most accessible part of each building, and can be rung in the basement, or in the corridors of the first and second floors. Should a fire break out in any part of the building, it will be an easy matter for any one who discovers it to ring the alarm. Pupils having been drilled for emergencies, should leave the building without panic or injury. This equipment reduces the danger to the occupant to a minimum. To further guard against fire, as well as to facilitate the work of the janitors, electric lights have been substituted in the basements in place of lanterns.

Corthell School was totally destroyed by fire February 8. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for a new building, and an appropriation made for the same. The work was faithfully performed, the building completed, and a public inspection held October 3.

The following Monday, the building was opened for school purposes. It is the consensus of opinion that the building reflects great credit on the building committee, Messrs. Albert C. Whitmarsh, Obed Ellis, Maurice Kane, Walter E. Trufant and Charles D. Dyer.

October 13, the Bates School was damaged by fire. This was soon refitted and improved at a cost of \$359.89. Insurance was carried on both buildings.

The parents' meetings which have been held, have proven so profitable, we recommend them as a permanent feature. Parents and teachers should have enough knowledge of each other's duties and responsibilities to appreciate the efforts, the difficulties, and discouragements. When this is true, there are fewer misunderstandings, less friction, and more helpful and sympathetic co-operation.

We are anticipating the time when manual training can be quite generally introduced. It is more and more considered of the highest value in general education, as a stimulus to mental effort and development. "The saw, the hammer, the needle and cloth are not ends in themselves—they are rather agencies through which the child may solve problems of production and achievement."

A beginning has been made in the primary grades, believing that while nerve centres are young, motor training counts most.

The committee welcome any suggestion or comment on School administration, for only by the co-operation of the citizens of Whitman can the schools of the town become the pride and glory of the people who support them.

By rigid economy we have conducted the schools on the amount appropriated, and close the financial year with all bills paid. (Kindly remember that improvements are gauged by the appropriation.)

We recommend an appropriation of \$32,000 plus the dog fund and tuition receipts—to cover the just and adequate requirements of school support.

For further information regarding details we commend to your attention the following annexed reports.

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENIA F. LOVELL,  
JAMES E. BATES,  
JULIUS C. GILBERT.

# REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF WHITMAN, MASS.:

I have the pleasure of submitting herewith my first annual report and the sixteenth in the series of Superintendents' reports of the town of Whitman.

I wish to state at the outset that merited praise is due my immediate predecessor who left the schools so well organized that a new man could take up the work with very little interruption.

A change in officials is very liable to cause marked disturbance in the schools, inasmuch as every man naturally has his own way of managing them. However, the harmony, which has existed from the opening of this school year, is due wholly to the disposition of the teachers to assist the Superintendent in every way possible and to co-operate with him in improving the school system.

## TEACHERS

In September, Miss Agnes Shea was transferred to Reed School, Grades 5 and 6, and Miss Blanche Holbrook succeeded her at Bates School. Miss Clara McGreevy was advanced to the principalship of the Hastings School, and her place was filled by the appointment of Miss Agnys Nickerson. Miss Helen Lawrence was appointed as teacher of Corthell, Grades 1 and 2. At the Dyer School, Mr. C. E. Perkins was elected



principal and after the first week of the term it was deemed necessary to open up again a third ninth grade room and Miss Winifred Miller was appointed. In her room also are accommodated the over-flow pupils from Grade 8. In the High School there were three changes, the new teachers being, Miss Mildred Wright, Miss Kathleen Adams, and Miss Ethel L. Hersey.

### CORTHELL AND BATES SCHOOL

On February 8, the old Corthell School was destroyed by fire. Miss Gaffney's pupils in Grades 3 and 4 were transferred to one of the High School rooms, while the Lower Primary room was put in the Hastings Primary room each being on half time. October 5th, the New Corthell, a four room building, was completed and opened for these two schools. On October 13, the Bates School was damaged by fire, necessitating its closing for repairs. As this school had been crowded, the 4th Grade was permanently transferred to the Dyer. The Bates School reopened with Grades 1-3, November 2.

### TEXT BOOKS

The adoption of new text books in Geography and Language with the introduction of the Aldine System of Reading in two of our Primary rooms, marks a step in the right direction. The best books are none too good; and it is economy to have schools well supplied with the best. During the next year we shall put much stress upon Arithmetic in order to bring the different classes up to mark. The book now in use is ill-adapted for our purposes. It is a good collection of examples to be used for supplementary work but not as a regular text book. I trust that the funds of the text book account, will permit the introduction of a book adapted to our needs.

## MARKING SYSTEM

At the opening of the fall term the attention of your Superintendent was called to a desirable change in the system of marking. There were in existence two systems, one for the grades and one for the High School. It may be stated definitely that there is no marking system that can be called ideal. In fact, the question is sometimes asked if it would not be wise to do away wholly with the marking system. But after discussion with the principals and comparison with what other schools are doing where the method of marking is under consideration, it was finally decided to practically use the same marking in the grades that was in use in the High School. Our one purpose is, as far as possible, to make the marks intelligible to both parents and pupils.

## COURSE OF STUDY

By referring to last year's school report, it will be seen that the revision of the course of study was under consideration and that meetings had been held with the different teachers. Taking up as far as possible the lines where they lay, your Superintendent at once started in, and after six grade meetings, drew up a tentative course of study for the nine grades, which was put in typewritten form into the hands of the teachers. It is believed that this will bring about a much desired unity in the work. Special attention was given the course for the ninth grade, to bring about a closer relation with and a better preparation for the work in the High School. The course designs that the major Grammar School subjects shall be completed by the ninth year, and that in the ninth grade there shall be not simply a review of previous work, but a more complete preparation for the work that lies before the pupil in the High School. The majority of pupils reach the ninth grade at about the fourteenth year, that critical year, when so many boys leave school and go to work; many because of necessity, some



from indifference, and a few from the failure of parents to insist, that, despite indifference, the child shall continue its education. I believe that it is one of the solemn duties of the teachers and Superintendent to do much personal work with pupils and parents in retaining in school at this age, many who without the influence of the teachers will drop out of school. By reference to the list of last year's graduates from the ninth grade, it will be seen that 93 per cent. of them entered the High School. That is most commendable, and we trust that there will be a continuation of this high percentage in years to come.

### DYER SCHOOL

In this, our largest Grammar School building, with ten rooms, it will be most practical, as soon as funds will allow, to have an additional teacher. At the present time, the Principal is obliged to conduct classes in his room throughout the session, giving him no opportunity or time for work of observation or supervision in the other rooms in his building. Comparisons with city schools of similar size will show that an assistant to the Principal is regularly employed. At the present we have three ninth grade rooms, all pursuing the same course, but at least 15 per cent. of the pupils will not go to the High School next year. This 15 per cent. includes those who will fail of promotion, and those who will leave to go to work. I recommend that this be taken into consideration next year, and that instead of forcing each ninth grade pupil to take exactly the same course, that, those who belong together and who are in line for advance to the High School should take one course, and that those pupils who will be leaving school anyway should be given a different course; one, which will be useful to them in after life. This would be a most opportune place in the curriculum for manual training. Furthermore, in these three rooms there should be departmental teaching, for it is

an acknowledged fact, that greater efficiency in teaching results from this system. I recommend, also, that in the spring it be made possible for music rehearsals of the three ninth grades to be held together, and I see no opportunity for this to be done in the building, except in the attic. Here, however, is a spacious room, and all it will need is sufficient settees. This, of course, has no heating arrangement, and could only be used by the schools in the spring and fall.

### MEDICAL INSPECTION

In December, two medical inspectors were appointed by the vote of the committee; Dr. O. A. Bemis being assigned the Dyer, Bates and Gurney Schools, and Dr. C. E. Lovell being assigned the Hastings, Corthell, Reed and High Schools. The above medical inspectors began work the first of January, 1909, and the work as organized will, in every detail, comply with the latest legislation on the subject. By the Acts of 1908, the so-called Medical Inspection Law is mandatory in its provisions, so that in the absence of a special appropriation from the town, the committee is compelled to employ the inspectors and pay them from the appropriation for schooling proper.

For the information of the public let me state that their duties, in brief, are as follows: They visit the different schools and examine every pupil once a year to discover any physical defect or disability which would tend to prevent the work of the pupil in school. They are also called upon whenever there is any suspected case of contagious disease, and whenever any teacher is in doubt concerning the physical condition of a child, thus protecting the children in the schools. It is believed that this close examination will tend to keep down the spread of contagious diseases which in the past so often have run rampant in the schools. It is not believed, however, that it will wholly eliminate them. The

school physicians are obliged to record the examination of the pupils on cards which are kept on file at the office of the Superintendent, and every examination of the pupil will be recorded on this same card. Thus year by year we shall be able to notice whether certain physical defects existing in the children are removed, or if it is impossible for them to be removed, whether anything is done to correct disabilities. In the next annual report there will be a definite report given by the medical inspectors which will include a summary of the examinations of the pupils, and the public then will be able to judge for themselves the amount of work done and the wisdom of it.

### EYE AND EAR TESTS

A glance at the statistics appended to this report reveals this fact, that a smaller per cent. of defectives were found each succeeding year. This does not mean, for instance, that fewer pupils wear glasses, but that the eyes of fewer pupils needed attention. Pupils wearing glasses are examined with their glasses on and are not marked as defectives unless it appears that the glasses are misfits. Beginning with this year, the tests were recorded on cards arranged as to allow the permanent record of continuous examinations, so that in subsequent years comparison may be made with the tests of previous years and thus it be shown what changes the pupil's eyes undergo from year to year. We were fortunate this year in being able to have nearly the entire examination completed by one teacher. More satisfactory results are bound to occur with one examiner than where the examination is made by thirty different teachers.

### MUSIC AND DRAWING

In music we are arranging for more individual singing, and more written work. The days are past when a few

leaders are allowed to do all the work and when concert or chorus work is the chief attainment. Today the pupils of the Public Schools are being taught to read music at sight and instead of a few doing all the work, each one is taught to sing alone, just as much as he would be taught to read alone from a primer or reader.

In drawing there is a marked tendency to increase the amount of constructive work, and I am pleased especially with that phase of the work as now done in our own schools. I believe the time is near, when it will seem wise to put the drawing-teacher on full time and carry on more definite manual training work. Inasmuch as the business of the town has to do largely with hand labor, and because it is found that many children who regularly become disinterested and indifferent to their regular work, as in Arithmetic, Language and Geography, will remain in the schools when forms of manual training are introduced, and furthermore, because it is recognized today that there is the same educational and cultural value to the training of the hand as to the training of the mind, I believe that no mistake will be made in increasing in our schools, especially in the upper Grammar Schools, the amount of manual training. When this is done, the pupils, who regularly will go into the shops, will be found to be more skilful at the outset of their employment, which fact will certainly appeal to those who employ them. Furthermore, in all this work, while the hand is being trained there is no real neglect in the training of the mind and eye, for pupils are taught to use their judgment, to make calculations and to observe carefully all details. In the Whitman schools, to keep pace with the better schools in Massachusetts, we must not neglect this subject.

### SPECIAL CLASSES

There is scarcely a room in town but what there is one pupil at least and generally two or three who are misfits to



the grade, due to several reasons. Either they are the so-called over-aged children, as for instance, the child may be twelve years old and all the other children in the grade, nine or ten, or they are backward in one subject and do average work in the others. Our faithful teachers work untiringly to do individual work with these misfits, feeling themselves, perhaps more than they should, responsible for the advance of the child especially looking forward to promotion. But where we have forty-five or fifty children in a room, no teacher, without giving time that belongs to the school at large, has time for much individual work with these pupils who are backward. There is being tried in many places a plan somewhat as follows: Pupils who may be located in the different school-rooms and who are behind in their work, that is, in all or some of it, are placed in one room and the room given the general term Special Room, or Special Class. I believe that Whitman is large enough, and I am sure that there are plenty of cases, to at once organize such a class. In the good old days of the District School each pupil was practically given individual instruction, and because of this fact we find the good results that have been found to come from the District School. Herein lay the main advantage of the District School over our modern graded schools. Of course, our modern graded schools have many advantages over the district school; and this special class which I recommend that we organize next September will be in the nature of a district school, in so far as individual attention is given. There will be all the advantages of the graded school and the district school. There should be a large proportion of hand work, and pupils, who after a few months or more in this class are brought up to the standard of some particular grade, should again be admitted to the proper grade. One precaution must be taken, and that is, that this class shall not be made too large. Furthermore, it should by no means be a disciplin-

ary school. Our chief difficulty in organizing such a school will be to find the right kind of a teacher who understands readily the individual need of the pupils and who will treat them all as individuals and not as members of a group.

### CONCLUSION

I respectfully call your attention to the reports of the High School Principal, Music and Drawing Supervisors, and the Truant Officer appended to this report.

In concluding this report, allow me to express my appreciation of the hearty co-operation shown by the public at large, by the press, the parents, teachers and janitors. I wish to commend the untiring efforts of our Truant Officer, by whose activity boys have been kept in school that otherwise would be on the streets growing up in idleness. My work with you as a committee has been most harmonious, and I appreciate the confidence you place in my efforts for the improvement of our public schools. It has been a real delight to be associated with you and I bespeak of you a continuation of your kindly support.

Respectfully submitted,

G. F. ELLINWOOD,

Superintendent of Schools.

January 15, 1909.



# REPORT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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## TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:

Since this report must be brief, it will deal mainly with what we consider conducive to better conditions.

### THE HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

In our judgment we do not have good air to breathe, and this has been my contention for ten years or more. The recitation room in the basement is a disgrace to the town. The floor is so cold at times in the winter that teachers and pupils complain, and sit with only the heels resting on the floor. Accommodations for the Commercial and Science departments are inadequate. There is not a suitable teachers' room in the building. A new building is needed.

### TUITION PUPILS

For several reasons we believe it well to admit tuition pupils; but we recommend that such pupils be admitted on examination taken under the Superintendent or the Principal.

### GRADUATION

This event should not be an attempt to outdo the preceding class in display. It should be characterized by simplicity. It should not be a heavy tax on any family.

Washington Trips for Senior Classes are open to serious objection. In harmony with the tendency of things in

America the simple little picnic costing not more than a dollar per pupil has been supplanted by a trip that costs a total of five hundred dollars or more.

### EXTENSION OF SCHOOL PRIVILEGES

We have entering classes numbering from 60 to 80 pupils. One-third of them finish the High School course of study. Those boys and girls who leave school need more training for life and work. Something should be done for them. An evening school would be helpful.

### VISITATION

We have too few visits from parents and other citizens. In some respects the High School of a town is its most important institution. What the High School is aiming to do and is doing can be judged in part by actual observation of it in course of work.

### WORK OF THE SCHOOL

Nowhere does the High School satisfy the demands made upon it. Too many leave school before finishing the course. It may be that the needs of pupils are not in all cases met. Yet, when we consider that our school remains year after year on the list accredited by the colleges, the relative number of graduates entering college and normal school, the good standing usually maintained there, the good record made by nearly every graduate of the school, it seems that along with an abundance of adverse criticism should go a liberal amount of commendation.

It seems, too, that we do something towards developing ambition, grit, loyalty to ideals, good habits of thought and action. Furthermore, it is not necessary for pupils to go elsewhere to prepare for higher institutions, provided they will remain here and make the most of home opportunities. Within ten years, beginning with 1897, 160 have graduated

from the High School, and about 45 per cent. of that number have continued in college, normal school, or business school.

It may be that our course of study is too largely elective. The value of music does not appear to be sufficiently realized as regards health, culture and genuine pleasure.

In relation to this matter there is chance for the home to co-operate with the school. And the parents would be helpful if they would look more carefully after written explanation of absence and tardiness. Every parent knows that such explanation is a requirement in all the schools.

Every teacher should understand that the schools are not maintained for the teacher alone, but for the children, and for the welfare of the community at large. Children should not be dealt with too easily at home and in the school. It does a child good to do something himself, to have tasks to perform and be obliged to perform them, to get a fall now and then and realize that he is up against or down against stern stuff.

I wish to thank the citizens of Whitman who have supported me so long; the School Committee for all that they have done for the good of the school; and the Superintendent especially for the readiness shown in co-operation for improved conditions, and the suggestions made for the good not only of the High School but of all the schools in town.

Respectfully,

D. L. WHITMARSH,  
Principal of High School.

## REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING

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TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:

In reviewing the work accomplished in drawing in the Whitman Public Schools, I believe our progress is entirely proportional to the time and attention given the subject.

The first public instruction in this study emphasized the pictorial. It was thought necessary for the child to have practice only in representing form, to gain a bit of the knowledge of working drawings and plan a few theoretical designs. Today the constructive side is being brought to the fore. The child is given a certain article to make,— he considers its use, designs it accordingly, makes a working drawing, estimates the cost and most economical use of his material, actually constructs the object and decorates it fittingly. Thus, to the subject of drawing proper, have been annexed many forms of manual work and educators agree that all branches should move along together and not be separated. This practical trend has been caused by the growing demand for industrial education.

The large majority of pupils are obliged to leave our schools upon or before completing the grammar grades and partially, or entirely, earn a living with their hands. In school they have been given no direct preparation for this and consequently have to take unremunerative positions or waste much valuable time in learning some line of work the foundation for which might have been laid in school. Employers, as a rule, do not concern themselves with the growth



of the minds of the boys and girls they hire. They are satisfied if they learn to turn out work at the proper speed and of a required excellence. In other words, they would make machines of them. The development of the child's character as well as the good of the community at large demand that he shall be a thinker as well as a worker. Conditions in the public schools should be such that a pupil may gain to a certain extent the refinement and breadth of view that come from study and at the same time receive a foundation for practical work. When we run the schools on the assumption that every child will go through all the grades, the high school, to college and thence enter upon a professional or business career, we are not making them the democratic institution we have been wont to think, but rather a benefit to the comparatively few children who are adapted to that course. The schools are supported by the parents of the average as well as the exceptional child.

The over-crowded school curriculum should not be added to, but much unpractical work cut out and more hand work put in its place. In Whitman, we have for drawing and the allied manual work one hour a week, nearly the minimum time given any subject. The meagreness of this can readily be seen when considering the breadth of the work. Notwithstanding the handicap of lack of time and equipment and unperfected ideals, we try to keep the course as closely as possible in touch with modern thought; to give due attention to construction, at the same time remembering the value of practice in pure free-hand drawing, which cannot be supplanted by any other phase of training the eye to see and the hand to record facts seen and ideas originated. A practical study of the principles of design and color theory is also valuable in influencing taste.

In the lower grades, we have the free expression and the guided expression with brush and pencil of the pupils' observations and ideas as well as such feeling, cutting, pasting

and making of simple objects in paper and cardboard. In the higher grades, the children draw from nature and from objects, study color and design and make articles from cardboard, cloth, wood, leather and brass. For every object constructed, a drawing is first made.

In the High School, drawing is elective, over one-half of the school taking a course of forty-five minutes per week. Much mechanical work is taught, the pupils gaining practice in the use of instruments and devices used by draughtsmen, a few motions of projection, development, working and machine drawings, and building construction. A free-hand course is also given, consisting of representation in light and shade and color; also some applied design in such materials as cloth, leather and brass.

All the pupils cannot be artists, designers or engineers; so, while the child of special ability can discover himself and continue study in the advanced schools, our work is intended to help every child. The public is coming less and less to think of art as something to be enjoyed only by the wealthy and leisure class. In the words of Dr. Brown, United States Commissioner of Education, "Art is that part of education which lays emphasis, first, on the excellence of the work done . . . and, secondly, . . . on good taste in the product of the work. . . . The markets of the world must respond . . . to a growing demand for excellence of finish and design. . . . The commercial advantage in that near future will rest with the nation that makes the finest combination of . . . inventive skill with beauty of design and workmanship."

Respectfully submitted,

MARION F. HOLMES,  
Drawing Supervisor.



## REPORT OF THE MUSIC SUPERVISOR

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MR. G. F. ELLINWOOD, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:

DEAR SIR:

In accordance with your request, I submit the following report in Music:

The music books which have been in the schools for some time are still in use, and the music work is carried on with very little change from previous years. There is no scholar attending the public school who can sing the major scale, who cannot learn as much about music as about reading and number work. If they are slow in learning, MORE attention should be given them, and not less. The individual work is done in all grades with good success.

Work has been retarded somewhat in the High School by not having sufficient material for each pupil, but conditions are very much improved by the purchase of duplicate copies. At the beginning of the fall term many pupils dropped music on account of deficiency in reading. I would recommend an extra period be given those pupils not proficient in elementary work and sight reading. I would also recommend that a new song book be purchased, as the one in use at the present time has been in school for ten or twelve years, and no song book or High School reader I have ever seen contains a sufficient variety of music to supply a four years' course.

Pupils should have the opportunity to study music from the best composers; for the culture and inspiration that

comes from an acquaintance with the same, cannot be over-estimated.

I most earnestly hope that a sum of money can be available each year for the purchase of supplementary music.

Respectfully submitted,

S. JESSIE MERRILL,

Music Supervisor.

January 14, 1909.

## REPORT OF TRUANT OFFICER

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MR. GEO. F. ELLINWOOD, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:

I herewith submit my report for the School year 1907-1908, ending June 25th:

Cases investigated.....	91
Causes of Absence:	
Sickness .....	11
Orders of School Physician.....	1
Truants.....	24
Kept by parents (satisfactory excuse).....	7
“ “ “ (unsatisfactory excuse) .....	28
Want of proper clothing.....	8
Tardiness.....	1
Left school.....	3
Left town.....	3
Children found not attending any school.....	4
Children taken to school.....	30
Children taken to Superintendent.....	3
Parents notified.....	10
Visits to factories.....	20
Children working illegally.....	1
Absentees investigated as result of census.....	62

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. COOK,

Truant Officer.

# WHITMAN HIGH SCHOOL

## COURSE OF STUDY

### FRESHMAN CLASS

Required:	
English .....	4 4
Elective:	
Latin .....	5 5
Algebra .....	4 4
Physics .....	5 5
History .....	4 4
Arithmetic .....	3 3
Music .....	1 0
Drawing .....	1 1
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	24 23

Total periods.....24  
Total credits.....23

### JUNIOR CLASS

Required:	
English .....	4 4
Elective:	
Latin .....	5 5
French .....	4 4
History .....	3 3
Algebra ... { Review & Advance	3 3
Chemistry .....	2 2
Physics .....	4 4

### SOPHOMORE CLASS

Required:	
English .....	3 3
Elective:	
Latin .....	5 5
French .....	5 5
Chemistry .....	3 3
Geometry .....	5 5
History .....	3 3
Bookkeeping .....	5 5
Arithmetic .....	2 2
Music .....	1 0
Drawing .....	1 1
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	33 32

Total periods.....33  
Total credits.....32

### SENIOR CLASS

Required:	
English .....	4 4
Elective:	
Latin .....	5 5
French .....	4 4
German .....	5 5
U. S. History and Civics	4 4
Solid Geometry .....	4 4
Plane Geometry { Rev. & Adv.	3 3

Bookkeeping .....	5	5	Physiology .....	2	2
Stenography .....	5	5	Stenography .....	5	5
Typewriting .....	5	3	Typewriting .....	5	3
Botany .....	2	2	Business Correspondence ..	2	2
Music .....	1	0	Music .....	1	0
Drawing .....	1	1	Drawing .....	1	1
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	44	41		45	42
Total periods .....	44		Total periods .....	45	
Total credits .....	41		Total credits .....	42	

Twelve credits are necessary for classification as a Sophomore; 27 credits as a Junior; 43 credits as a Senior.

The pass mark is 65 per cent.

Diploma is awarded for 60 credits.



## STATISTICS OF ATTENDANCE

1. AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP.	1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904	1905.	1906.	1907.	1908
High School,.....	*92.58	90.86	99.75	98.51	95.0	119.0	135.6	169.2	183.5	151.2
Oyer School, .....	298.93	301.91	303.86	318.97	291.0	306.1	322.6	269.0	423.5	423.4
Reed School, .....	195.28	196.91	186.73	192.04	203.7	215.2	195.4	254.5	257.2	245.3
Hastings School...	198.35	219.95	190.22	202.77	195.4	194.0	169.0	153.3	162.8	169.0
Dorthell School. .	111.05	107.12	101.33	94.00	98.2	93.7	106.4	121.1	67.1	81.9
Gurney School.....	151.27	139.78	194.17	186.84	205.5	213.8	191.4	221.2	161.7	170.6
Bates School. ....	31.03	28.33	33.51	25.48	27.4	27.6	25.3	32.0	28.6	30.1
Temple St. School.							60.5	41.3		
Totals.....	1078.49	1084.86	1109.57	1119.61	1116.2	1169.4	1206.2	1261.6	1284.4	1272.3
2. AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.										
High School.....	89.32	87.14	95.45	92.69	90.2	113.7	131.2	162.2	175.1	144.6
Oyer School.....	277.79	277.51	281.82	294.63	261.9	283.7	304.3	258.8	402.0	405.5
Reed School.....	185.25	185.97	177.78	183.06	195.2	201.8	188.2	241.5	239.7	230.8
Hastings School...	184.47	204.75	170.99	186.05	180.3	179.5	158.2	145.9	148.8	160.0
Dorthell School....	101.65	97.26	93.23	84.36	83.8	85.1	97.7	112.4	61.2	77.3
Gurney School.....	137.28	128.07	179.25	167.86	182.2	195.6	180.0	210.1	151.0	165.0
Bates School.....	28.88	26.53	30.41	22.54	24.9	24.2	23.6	29.8	26.8	28.7
Temple St. School.							57.5	39.1		
Totals.....	1004.64	1007.23	1028.93	1031.19	1018.5	1083.6	1140.7	1199.8	1204.6	1211.8
3. PER CENT. OF ATTENDANCE										
High School.....	96.47	96.00	95.68	94.09	94.9	95.7	96.7	95.8	95.4	95.6
Oyer School.....	92.59	91.91	92.65	92.40	90.0	92.7	94.3	96.2	94.9	95.7
Reed School.....	95.63	94.10	95.77	95.32	95.8	93.8	96.3	94.9	93.2	94.3
Hastings School....	92.91	93.08	92.14	91.30	92.3	92.5	93.6	95.2	91.4	94.7
Dorthell School. .	91.30	90.79	91.55	89.74	85.3	90.8	91.8	92.8	91.2	94.5
Gurney School.....	89.96	91.62	91.01	89.04	88.7	91.5	94.0	95.0	93.4	95.5
Bates School.....	93.07	81.40	92.72	88.46	90.9	88.0	93.3	93.1	93.7	95.2
Temple St. School.							95.0	94.8		
For all schools...	93.15	92.80	92.73	92.10	91.2	92.7	94.6	95.1	93.8	95.2

\*Ninth year pupils no longer admitted to the High School.

# MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 25, 1908.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	GRADES.	ENROLLED.			Total Members	Average Members	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance
			Boys.	Girls.	Total.				
High	{ Dudley L. Whitmarsh, Principal, Margaret A. Gaffney, 1st Assistant, Katharine F. Cody, Harriet M. Silsby, Susan M. Bradley, Amber L. Parlin, Alice Bigelow. }	X-XIII.	69	106	175	178	151.2	144.6	95.6
Bates	Agnes W. Shea.	I-IV.	19	15	34	43	30.1	28.6	95.2
Corthell	{ M. Gertrude Gaffney, Principal, Laura I. Hutchinson, (a). }	III-IV. I-II.	23	23	46	51	44.5	42.9	96.5
			16	21	37	44	37.4	34.4	92.5
Dyer	{ Ernest M. Reid, Principal, Annie G. Bickford, Ada E. Harris, Geneva L. Morse, Eloise M. Prentiss, Joanna F. Fullerton, Anna Geogan, Elizabeth B. Bosworth, Jennie M. Howe, Annie A. Rea. }	IX. IX. IX. VIII. VII. VI, VII. V. IV. III. I, II.	20	23	43	43	38.9	37.2	95.5
			20	24	44	47	38.9	37.1	95.4
			13	23	36	37	34.1	30.9	92.0
			23	19	42	43	39.3	37.7	95.9
			24	28	52	55	46.2	44.8	97.0
			21	27	48	57	47.1	44.9	95.3
			24	24	48	51	47.7	45.6	95.5
			25	25	50	54	49.5	48.2	97.5
			17	18	35	43	38.7	37.1	96.0
			23	23	46	53	43.0	42.0	97.7

Gurney	{ Sarah L. Dinsmore, Principal, Frances L. Hayward, Pearl Pennington, Elisabeth M. Lane.	VI, VII. IV, V. II, III. I, II.	13 24 28 24	28 17 19 25	41 41 47 49	43 47 51 55	39.6 41.1 48.0 43.9	38.8 39.3 45.3 41.6	98.0 95.0 94.4 94.8
Hastings	{ Florence M. Tait, Principal, Clara E. McGreevy, Katharine A. Collins, Margaret Sibley, (b).	VIII. VI, VII. IV, V. I, II.	21 22 20 21	26 22 25 16	47 44 45 37	47 49 52 39	43.7 44.5 45.1 35.7	41.1 41.9 43.3 33.7	94.1 94.1 96.2 94.4
Reed	{ Emma R. Nash, Principal, Josephine C. Stebbins, Frances B. Grant, Emma R. Maloy, Florence M. Edwards, Leila R. Gurney.	VII, VIII. VI, VII. V, VI. IV, V. II, III. I, II.	18 21 23 20 21 20	17 21 17 26 23 25	35 42 40 46 44 45	35 53 53 53 44 54	33.2 44.9 41.0 45.6 38.3 42.3	32.4 42.8 38.8 42.8 35.9 38.1	97.6 95.3 94.5 93.9 94.2 90.4
Drawing	{ Marion F. Holmes, Clara L. Harlow.	I, XIII. I, XIII.							
Music	S. Jessie Merrill.	I, XIII.							

(a.) Until March 20, 1908. (b.) During the Spring Term Miss Sibley taught Hastings, Grade 1 and 2, in the morning, and in the same room, Corthell, Grade 1 and 2, in the afternoon. Each school being on half time.

## ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP, DECEMBER 18, 1908.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	GRADES.	SALARIES.	SERVICE BEGAN.	EDUCATED.	No. Years Experi- ence.	NUMBER OF PUPILS.		
							Boys.	Girls.	Total.
High	Dudley L. Whitmarsh, 659 Washington Street		\$1400	Jan., 1894.	Bates College.	21			
	Margaret A. Gaffney, 25 Park Avenue		775	Sept., 1887.	Boston University.	24			
	Katharine F. Cody, 325 Commercial Street		750	Sept., 1900.	Boston University.	8			
	Kathleen Adams, 54 Park Avenue	10-13	600	Sept., 1908.	Middlebury College.	1	64	101	165
	Mildred A. Wright, 357 Washington Street		600	Sept., 1908.	Boston University.	1			
	Ethel L. Hersey, 38 West Street		600	Sept., 1908.	Wellesley College.	1			
	Alice Bigelow, 30 Dyer Avenue		600	Sept., 1907.	Radcliffe College.	7			
Bates	Blanche Holbrook, 30 Whitman Avenue	1-3	500	Sept., 1908.	Bridgewater Normal School.	2	20	12	32
	M. Gertrude Gaffney, 25 Park Avenue	3-4	550	Jan., 1899.	Boston Normal School.	11	15	26	41
Corthell	Helen L. Lawrence, 891 Washington Street	1-2	485	Sept., 1908.	New Haven Normal School.	2	22	18	40
	Charles E. Perkins, 68 Court Street	9	900	Sept., 1908.	Lamoine High.	35	29	14	43
	Annie E. G. Bickford, 677 Washington Street	9	600	Sept., 1898.	Bridgewater Normal School.	13	21	25	46
	Winifred Miller, 54 Park Avenue	8-9	520	Sept., 1908.	Maine Normal School.*	15	15	25	40

Dyer	Geneva L. Morse, 430 Washington Street	8	\$520	Jan., 1905.	Westfield Normal School.	15	15	24	39
	Eloise M. Prentiss, 263 Auburn Street	7	520	Sept., 1887.†	Quincy Training School.	21	17	19	36
	Joanna F. Fullerton, 235 Washington Street	6	520	April, 1868.	Whitman High School.	40	23	24	47
	Anna Geogan, 48 Laurel Street	5	520	Oct., 1902.	Bridgewater Normal School.	6	24	21	45
	Elizabeth B. Bosworth, 39 Harvard Street	4-5	520	Sept., 1879.	Whitman High School.	29	29	22	51
Gurney	Jennie M. Howe, 147 School Street	2-3	520	April, 1895.	Quincy Training School.	18	19	26	45
	Annie A. Rea, 59 Whitman Avenue	1-2	520	April, 1907.	Castine Normal School.	11	20	23	43
	Sarah L. Dinsmore, 185 N. Main St., Brockton	6-7	600	Jan., 1904.	Worcester Normal School.	14	17	26	43
	Frances L. Hayward, 38 West Street	4-5	520	May, 1904.	Bridgewater Normal School.	5	28	20	48
	Pearl Pennington, 734 Bedford Street	2-3	520	Sept., 1903.	Bridgewater Normal School.	7	30	21	51
Hastings	Elisabeth M. Lane, 38 West Street	1-2	520	Sept., 1905.	Bridgewater Normal School.	4	24	19	43
	Clara McGreevy, 30 Whitman Avenue	8	600	Sept. 1889.†	Weymouth Training School.	19	18	21	39
	Agnes Nickerson, 54 Park Avenue	6-7	520	Sept., 1903.	Hyannis Normal School.	7	21	19	40
	Katharine A. Collins, 37 Lakeview Avenue	4-5	520	Feb., 1899.	Whitman High School.	6	17	24	41
	Margaret Sibley, 38 West Street	1-2	520	Oct., 1905.	Simmons College.*	4	16	14	30
Reed	Emma R. Nash, 670 Washington Street	7-8	625	April, 1876.	E. Bridgewater High School.	35	21	21	42
	Josephine C. Stebbins, Whitman St., Hanson	6-7	520	Oct., 1904.	Bridgewater Normal School.	7	28	10	38
	Agnes Shea, 27 Alden Street	5-6	450	Sept., 1907.	Bridgewater Normal School.	1	20	21	41

*Miss Bailey? (ask)*



## ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP, DECEMBER 18, 1908, (Continued.)

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	GRADES.	SALARIES.	SERVICE BEGAN.	EDUCATED.	No. Years Experi- ence.	NUMBER OF PUPILS.		
							Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Reed	Emma R. Maloy, 705 Washington Street	4-11	520	Dec., 1872.	Whitman High School.	36	17	15	32
	Florence M. Edwards, Bridgewater, Mass.	2-3	520	Sept., 1901.	Bridgewater Normal School.	8	20	24	44
	Leila R. Gurney, 236 School Street	1-2	520	Sept., 1902.	Bridgewater Normal School.	7	20	20	40
Drawing	Marion F. Holmes, Rockland, Mass.	1-13	300	Sept., 1905.	Mass. Normal Art School.	7			
	Clara L. Harlow, 29 Cary Ave., Chelsea	1-13	120	Feb., 1906.	Mass. Normal Art School.	4			
Music	S. Jessie Merrill, 33 Stetson Street	1-13	500	Sept., 1886.	Institute of Normal Methods.	22			

Miss Merrill is employed three days per week; Miss Holmes, two; Miss Harlow, one.

\*Attendance without graduation. †Service not continuous.



SCHOOLS.	JANITORS.	GRADES.	SALARIES.	BEGAN SERVICE.	RESIDENCE.
High	Benjamin F. Peterson.....	10-13	\$550	Dec., 1893.	270 School Street.
Bates	George A. Faunce.....	1-3	120	Aug., 1905.	351 Bedford Street.
Dyer	Charles F. Cook.....	1-9	600	May, 1901.	8 Central Street.
Gurney	Edwin W. Brown.....	1-7	450	Nov., 1907.	223 Temple Street.
Corthell	James H. Wetherell.....	1-4 }	575	April, 1901.	697 Washington Street.
Hastings	James H. Wetherell.....	1-8 }	500	Sept., 1904.	135 Broad Street.
Reed	David S. Murphy.....	1-8			
SCHOOLS.	TRUANT OFFICER.	GRADES.	SALARY.	BEGAN SERVICE.	RESIDENCE.
All	Charles F. Cook.....	1-13	\$80	Sept., 1904.	8 Central Street.

## SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

## I

Population of the town, May 1, 1908.....	7,464
Decrease from 1907 .....	56
School Census, September 1, 1908:	
Children between 5 and 15 years of age,	
(boys, 569; girls, 629) .....	1,198
Decrease from 1907 .....	71
Children between 7 and 14 years of age,	
(boys, 406; girls, 434) .....	840
Decrease from 1907 .....	49

## II

Valuation of town, 1908.....	\$4,741,528 00
Increase over 1907 .....	204,563 00
Total raised by taxation, 1908.....	112,475 20
Increase over 1907 .....	1,360 56
Rate of taxation per \$1,000.....	22 80
Decrease from 1907 .....	50
Value school property (estimated).....	84,450 00
Cost of Schools, 1908.....	32,614 51
Increase over 1907 .....	952 33
Cost of schools for every \$1,000 of valuation.	6 88
Decrease from 1907 .....	10
Per cent. of school expense to total tax .....	28.9
Increase over 1907 .....	.1
Average cost per pupil based upon the average	
membership (1272) for the year.....	25 63
Increase over 1907 .....	98
Cost of schools, 1908, exclusive of repairs and	
permanent improvements.....	31,079 44
Decrease from 1907 .....	337 45
Average cost per pupil on basis of average	
membership .....	24 42
Decrease from 1907 .....	04

Cost per pupil for books and supplies.....	\$1 78
Decrease from 1907 .....	39

## III

Number of pupils enrolled during the year 1907-1908 (boys, 633; girls, 706) .....	1339
Decrease from preceding year.....	7
Number under five years of age .....	0
Number between five and fifteen years of age .....	1198
Number over fifteen years of age .....	132
Number between seven and fourteen years of age (compulsory limits).....	751
Average membership for the year 1907-1908 .....	1272.26
Decrease from preceding year .....	12.14
Average attendance during the year 1907- 1908 .....	1211.82
Increase over preceding year.....	7.22
Per cent. of attendance during the year.....	95.17
Increase over preceding year.....	1.37
Number of cases of tardiness during the year .....	1291
Average number per pupil.....	1.01
Number of visits to the schools, not including visits by the School Committee, Superin- tendent and Supervisors.....	1311

## IV

## SIGHT AND HEARING TESTS

	1907	1908	1909
Number of pupils examined.....	1299	1127	1286
Found defective in eyesight.....	235	161	164
Found defective in hearing .....	91	45	24
Percentage defective in eyesight.....	18.1	14.3	12.7
Percentage defective in hearing.....	7.0	4.3	1.9
Number parents or guardians notified...	220	112	79

## ROLL OF HONOR

PUPILS WHO WERE NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY DURING  
THE YEAR.

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## HIGH SCHOOL

Mildred P. Bates†  
Russell Blanchard  
Clifton Butler  
Jessie Chamberlain  
Howard Churchill  
Lawrence Clark  
Bernice S. Cogan  
Martha D. Everson  
Addie Ford\*  
Sarah Ford\*

Vernona Freeman  
Ralph Kent\*  
Nellie M. McCallum†  
William M. Ransom  
Alta Reed†  
Grace Richmond  
Emma Robbins  
Mildred Teasdale\*  
William R. Turner  
Ethel Whitmarsh

## DYER SCHOOL

Lena Adams\*  
Cornelia Baker  
Mary Barrows  
Almon Cox  
Helen Crowley  
Bertha Fiske  
Raymond Cushman  
Grace Evelyn Ford\*  
Marion G. Ford  
Helen Gooch†  
Harry Hammond\*  
Ethel Higgins  
Hollis Johnson  
Willie Kenneally  
Eva Kinsley\*

Louise B. McLane  
V. Madeleine Meserve  
Leon Millett  
Ruth Paddleford§  
Stuart Paddleford§  
Gardner Penniman  
Louise Porter  
Grace Rand  
Olive M. Reed  
Warren Richmond  
Helene Spellman  
John Spellman  
Haviland Tracy  
Geneva Triggs  
Marion M. Turner

## GURNEY SCHOOL

Mildred E. Brown	Mabel Drake
Frank E. Burnett	Esther Moore
Eva M. Clark	Alton Phinney

## HASTINGS SCHOOL

Hope Allen†	Lillian Kinsley
Ruth Allen†	Doris La Belle*
Joseph Barry	John Matheson
Amy Benson	Richard Schenick
Esther Brigham*	Raymond Thayer
Ralph Brigham	Rowena Turner
Agnes Hamelin	Elwood Walton
Ruth Hunnewell	Madeline Welch
Grace Hamelin	

## REED SCHOOL

Joseph R. Alden	Harry M. Johnson*
Arthur Barrows	Alice E. Kenneally*
Howard F. Barrows*	Michael J. Kenneally
Hazel J. E. Benson	Willie Kenneally
Ralph K. Carleton	Wilbur Littlefield
Flora M. Churchill	Mabel G. Smith
John F. Hayes	E. Elizabeth White
Mary Jenkins	Willie S. Williams*

\*These pupils have the same record for two consecutive years.

†These pupils have the same record for three consecutive years.

‡These pupils have the same record for four consecutive years.

§These pupils have the same record for five consecutive years.

GRADUATION EXERCISES OF THE CLASS OF 1908,  
WHITMAN HIGH SCHOOL, TOWN HALL, WHIT-  
MAN, MASS., THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 25,  
1908, AT 8 O'CLOCK.

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"ACT TO A PURPOSE"

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### ORDER OF EXERCISES

Entrance March — Berenice C. Everson

Prayer — Rev. W. J. Stewart.

Music — "Our Land, O Lord, with Songs of Praise" .. School  
Salutatory with Essay — "Our Need of a Great Navy"

Robert A. Jenkins

Essay — "The High School and its Mission"

Florence I. Harlow

Music — "Fleeting Days" ..... Girls' Chorus

Original Declamation — "Forest Bankruptcy"

William R. Turner

Class History ..... Saidie E. Whiting

Music — "Summer Fancies" ..... School

Class Prophecy ..... Mildred G. Torrey

Music — "A Spanish Romance" ..... Girls' Chorus

Valedictory with Essay — "Our Awakening". Fred B. Millett

### PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

James E. Bates, Secretary of School Board

Singing of Class Ode



## GRADUATES

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### CLASSICAL COURSE

Alice May Cobb	Florence Isabel Harlow
Berenice Corinne Everson	Fred Benjamin Millett
Mildred Graham Torrey	Saidie Esmond Whiting

### LATIN SCIENTIFIC COURSE

Robert Alden Jenkins

### SCIENTIFIC COURSE

Leon Walter Everson	William A. McCarthy
Bernard Leon Hall	George Linus McKinnon
William Roberts Turner	

### GENERAL COURSE

Louise Willard Gay	Rowena Lowell Johnson
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### COMMERCIAL COURSE

Ellen Margaret Buckley	Florence Alice Mann
Lena Emma Low	Margaret Matheson
Nellie Mae McCallum	

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### CLASS OFFICERS

President.....	Elmer G. Whitmarsh
Vice-President.....	Leon W. Everson
Secretary.....	Alice M. Cobb
Treasurer.....	Louise W. Gay
Marshal.....	Fred B. Millett

GRADUATION EXERCISES OF THE DYER GRAM-  
MAR SCHOOL, TOWN HALL, WHITMAN, FRIDAY  
AFTERNOON, JUNE 26, 1908, AT 2.30 O'CLOCK.

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PROGRAM

- Piano Solo — "The Brownie's Jubilee".....Fieldhouse  
Frank P. Vigeon
- Prayer .....Rev. A. H. Ericsson
- Music — "Who Knows What the Bells Say".....Parker  
School
- Words of Welcome.....Class President
- Address.....Rev. George L. Perin, D.D.
- Music — "Voices of the Woods" (Melody in F)..Rubinstein  
Girls' Chorus
- Essay — "Our Class Motto".....Helen M. Fitzgibbons
- Piano Duet— { Golden Star Galop...Florence G. Sampson  
                  { Gordeler.....Lena L. Adams
- Essay — "Our Educational Advantages as Compared with  
Our Grandfather's".....Frank T. Kane
- Presentation of Certificates.....Mrs. Eugenia F. Lovell
- Music — "Joys of Spring".....Geibel  
School
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CLASS OFFICERS

- President.....William T. Condon
- Vice-President.....Frank P. Vigeon
- Secretary .....Florence G. Sampson
- Treasurer .....Helen L. Gaffney
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Class Motto .....Steering, Not Drifting

## GRADUATES

Lena L. Adams  
 Mary E. Barrows  
 Nellie M. Barry  
 Fenton L. Bates  
 Lucy I. Bates  
 Marion L. Benson  
 Clara L. Brennan  
 Leslie E. Brown  
 Viola Brown  
 Mary D. Burke\*  
 Florence M. Churchill  
 Essie M. Clement  
 William S. Condon  
 Louise A. Considine  
 Richard J. Considine\*  
 Christine W. Cummings  
 Jessie A. Custillow  
 Mary A. Daley  
 Harold Diamond  
 Nellie G. Donovan\*  
 Wilton S. Dwyer  
 Helen M. Fitzgibbons  
 Helen L. Gaffney  
 George C. Gildart  
 Julia A. Griswold  
 Harry H. Hammond  
 Kenneth W. Harding  
 Bryan M. Higgins  
 Stanley N. Holbrook  
 Rose M. Horgan  
 Edna C. Howland  
 Frank T. Kane  
 Eva M. Kingsley  
 Cyril C. Littlefield

Melvin L. Lowe  
 Jennie A. Lynch  
 Leona G. Maglathlin  
 Marion A. Manter  
 Mary L. Mason  
 Annie M. McKinnon  
 Leon E. Millett  
 Marguerite I. Millett  
 Abbie L. Monroe  
 Mary L. Murphy  
 Marie E. Prestat  
 Loretta W. Quinlan  
 Helen A. Quirk  
 Lloyd F. Rand  
 Helen S. Ransom  
 Beatrice B. Reed  
 Irving B. Reed  
 Olive M. Reed  
 Searles Reed\*  
 Bertha G. Rich  
 Mary T. Riordan\*  
 Clara W. Rose  
 Florence G. Sampson  
 Ada L. Spooner  
 Fred L. Staples  
 Alice L. Studley  
 Frank J. Sweeney  
 Geneva E. Triggs  
 Frank F. Vigeon  
 Chester H. Walker  
 Carl W. Waugh  
 Marion I. West  
 Mary E. White  
 Harold R. Wright

Edith S. Wyzanski

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\*Did not enter High School.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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### APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS

Schooling proper.....	\$26,000 00	
Text books and supplies.....	2,000 00	
School incidentals.....	1,000 00	
Repairs.....	1,000 00	
School Superintendent.....	1,000 00	
Dog fund.....	867 72	
Miscellaneous receipts.....	11 50	
State Board of Charity.....	60 00	
Tuition.....	689 51	
	<hr style="width: 10%; display: inline-block; vertical-align: bottom;"/>	\$32,628 73

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### EXPENDITURES

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#### SCHOOLING PROPER

Teachers' salaries.....	\$20,746 18	
Janitors' salaries.....	2,781 76	
Truant officer's salary.....	80 00	
	<hr style="width: 10%; display: inline-block; vertical-align: bottom;"/>	\$23,607 94

#### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Henry M. Waldradt.....	\$600 00	
George F. Ellinwood.....	500 00	
	<hr style="width: 10%; display: inline-block; vertical-align: bottom;"/>	1,100 00

#### FUEL

Whitman Grain and Coal Co., coal..	\$433 12	
Walter W. Josselyn, wood.....	118 10	
T. S. W. Keene, wood.....	72 25	
R. W. Cook, coal.....	1,928 88	
	<hr style="width: 10%; display: inline-block; vertical-align: bottom;"/>	\$2,552 35

## REPAIR ACCOUNT

J. C. Bryant, painting .....	\$357 01	
F. R. Douglas, painting .....	177 95	
Fuller & Warren Co., furnace repairs	108 85	
Fairbanks Bros., installing furnace.	127 04	
C. A. Randall, Bates' School re-		
pairs.....	359 89	
No appropriation.		
	<hr/>	\$1,130 74

## TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Edward E. Babb Co.....	\$806 14	
Silver Burdett Co.....	112 53	
Ginn & Co.....	345 10	
American Book Co .....	316 64	
D. C. Heath Co .....	57 12	
J. L. Hammett Co.....	174 27	
L. E. Knott & Co .....	54 86	
Houghton, Mifflin Co.....	21 14	
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins.....	62 86	
Milton, Bradley Co.....	43 39	
Little, Brown Co.....	10 08	
Library Bureau .....	9 75	
Remington Typewriter Co .....	74 00	
T. H. Castor.....	4 02	
Mary A. Atkinson.....	10 65	
The Schoenhof Book Co.....	7 10	
Thompson, Brown Co.....	25 00	
Bobbs, Merrill Co .....	2 33	
John Church Co.....	1 71	
Thorpe & Martin Co.....	1 00	
Atkinson, Mentzer Co .....	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,151 69



## SCHOOL INCIDENTALS

Mr. Charles F. Allen, insurance...	\$340 67	
George D. Soule, insurance .....	180 00	
Fred E. Sharpe, insurance .....	45 00	
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		\$565 67
Fairbanks Bros., labor and material.	109 99	
Harry B. Harding, printing.....	64 95	
J. M. Penniman, express.....	66 86	
Town of Whitman, water depart- ment.....	55 10	
Town of Whitman, office rent.....	108 00	
F. A. Barnes, labor and stock .....	24 69	
Edison Electric Co .....	11 60	
Henry A. Stetson, supplies.....	8 76	
A. D. B. Butler, labor and material.	95 62	
E. C. Howard & Co., supplies .....	38 14	
Packard Bros, supplies .....	6 54	
A. C. Tucker, repairs and purchase of clocks.....	17 50	
A. E. Burton & Co., supplies.....	36 77	
Paul Black, labor and material ....	26 75	
C. A. Randall, labor and material..	103 10	
Edward Holden, supplies .....	25 75	
Silver, Burdett & Co., supplies ....	27 00	
Ginn & Co., supplies.....	9 50	
Albert Faunce, labor.....	14 25	
James E. Bates, supplies.....	7 75	
James E. Bates, secretary salary...	50 00	
M. Kenneally, labor.....	8 00	
J. F. Hoyt, supplies .....	2 10	
C. B. Perry, team .....	4 50	
Charles F. Mann, tuition, East Bridge- water .....	7 50	
Oliver Ditson Co., musical supplies.	13 93	



Bay State Nursery .....	\$28 50
Town of East Bridgewater, tuition of Leslie Gould .....	7 50
Charles F. Cook, supplies.....	3 10
William Spellman, supplies .....	1 90
W. W. Hayward, tuning pianos....	4 50
Lewis T. Adams, labor.....	3 25
Elmer F. Benson, supplies .....	1 00
The Beal Press, diplomas.....	27 50
Charles Redding, electric work....	25 23
D. C. Heath & Co., supplies .....	84
Rev. George L. Perin, graduation address .....	10 00
Brockton Business College, certifi- cates .....	22 10
Sporting Goods Co., flags.....	12 00
Wadsworth & Howland Co .....	18 47
William H. Litchfield, labor and team	16 35
Roy F. Allen, labor and material...	32 75
Baker Printing Co., programs .....	3 75
John A. Porter, labor.....	3 00
A. F. Lewis & Co., supplies.....	10 00
O. D. Everson, repair of clocks.....	6 00
F. M. Porter, supplies.....	3 06
A. R. Warfield Co., supplies.....	2 10
Clement H. Tyler, labor and material	4 80
A. H. Peterson Estate, labor and material .....	3 65
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins, supplies..	2 70
Nelson Simmons, labor.....	1 25
William Callanan, services.....	10 00
John E. Luddy, repair of typewriter and material.....	29 73
Lyman Hurlburt, metal polish.....	2 45
F. J. Barnard, rebinding books....	62 55

Benjamin P. Sturtevant, labor.....	\$3 35
Kane's express .....	1 00
Churchill & Butler, school census enumerators. ....	68 00
A. B. Smith, labor.....	11 00
Goodwin & Co., plumbing.....	28 40
M. P. O'Connor, shades and fixtures,	20 00
C. C. Wingate .....	2 75
Charles Bartlett, labor .....	1 40
E. J. Brewster, labor.....	2 00
George A. Clift, supplies.....	1 54
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co., supplies,	25 25
L. B. Hatch & Co., printing.....	10 00
A. A. Harding, labor and material. .	5 55
Charles R. Cox, supplies.....	8 20
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	\$2,058 79

## RECAPITULATION

### APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS

Schooling proper.....	\$26,000 00
Text books and supplies.....	2,000 00
School incidentals.....	1,000 00
Repairs .....	1,000 00
School Superintendent.....	1,000 00
Dog fund.....	867 72
Miscellaneous receipts.....	11 50
State Board of Charity.....	60 00
Tuition .....	689 51
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Total.....	\$32,628 73

### SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

Teaching.....	\$20,746 18
Superintendent.....	1,100 00

Truant Officer.....	\$ 80 00
Janitors.....	2,781 76
Text books and supplies.....	2,151 69
Fuel.....	2,552 35
Repairs .....	1,130 74
School incidentals.....	2,058 79
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Total.....	\$32,601 51
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Balance in treasury.....	\$27 22

### ESTIMATES FOR 1909

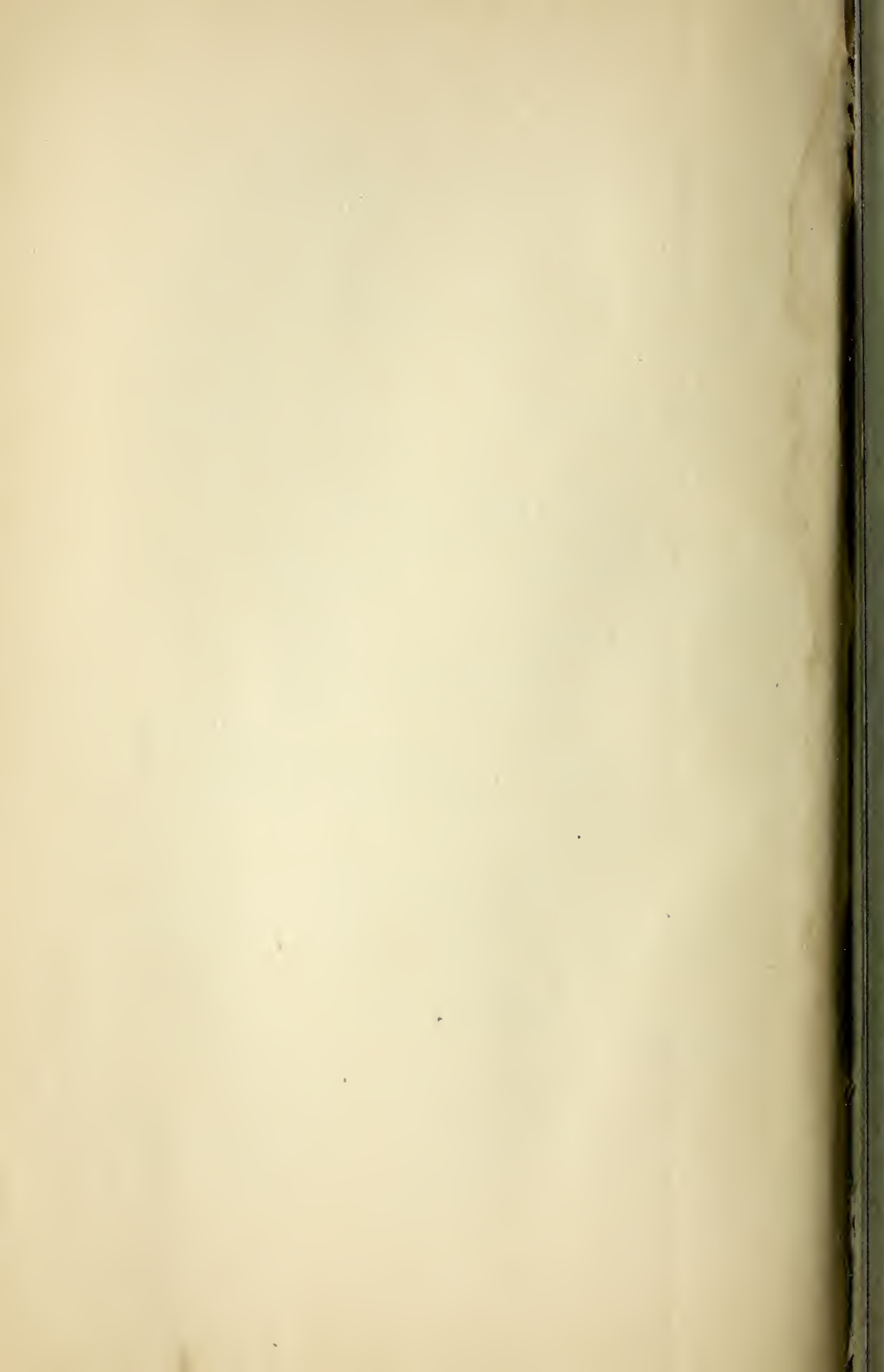
Schooling proper (in addition to tuition and dog fund).....	\$26,500 00
Superintendent .....	1,500 00
Text books and supplies.....	2,000 00
School incidentals .....	1,000 00
Repairs.....	1,000 00
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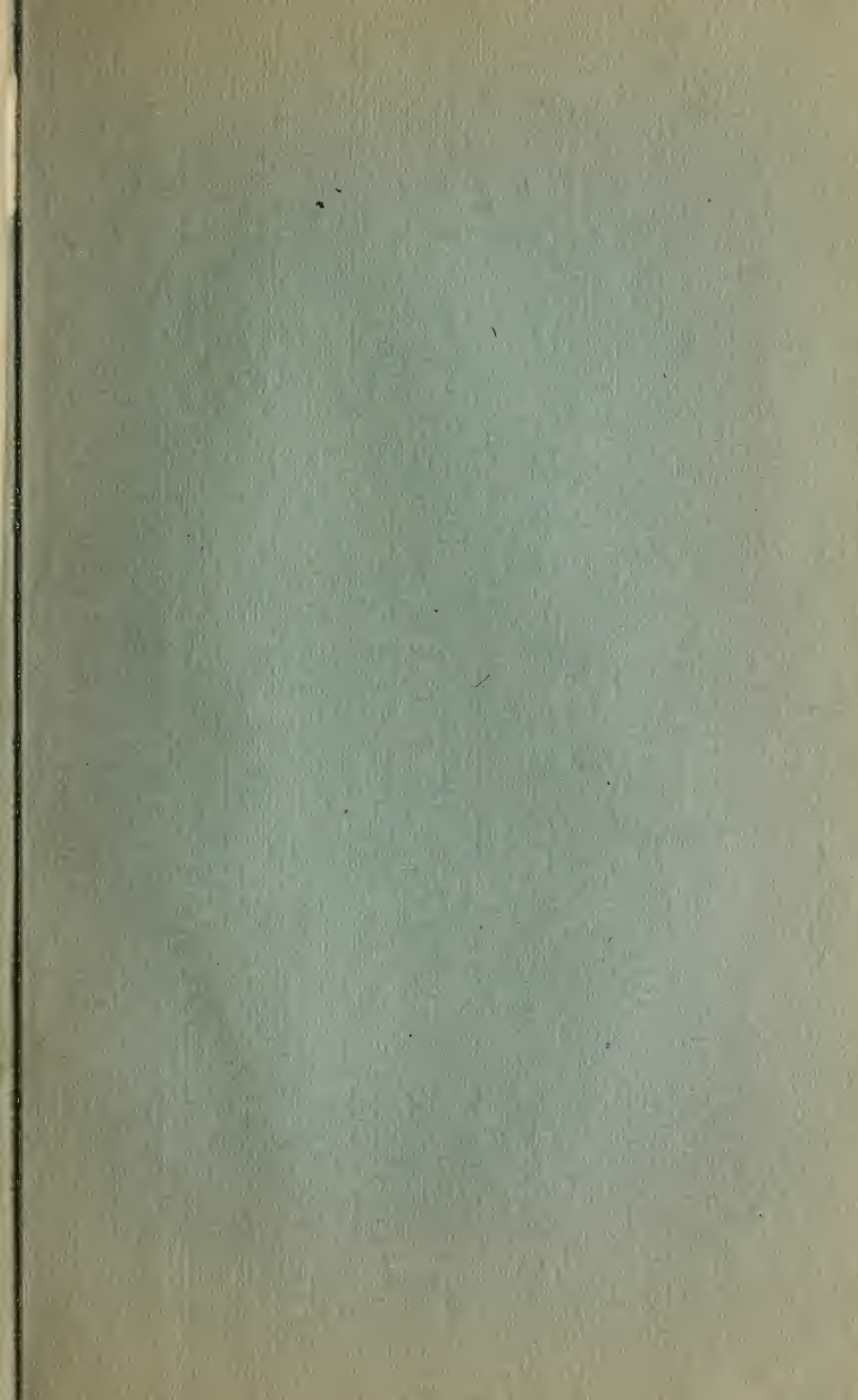
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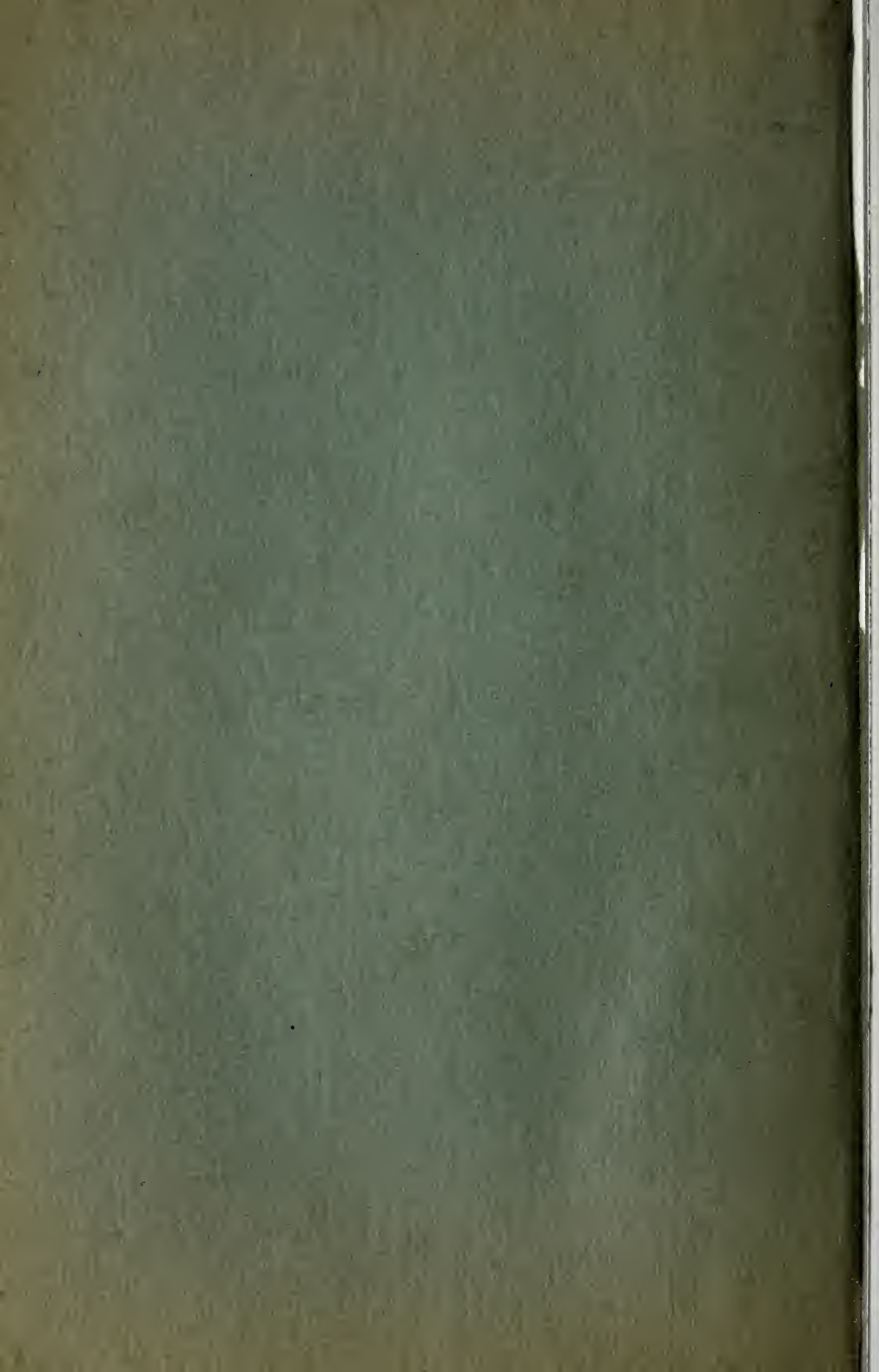
We have this day examined the foregoing and find it correct and supported with proper vouchers.

G. HOWARD SOULE, }  
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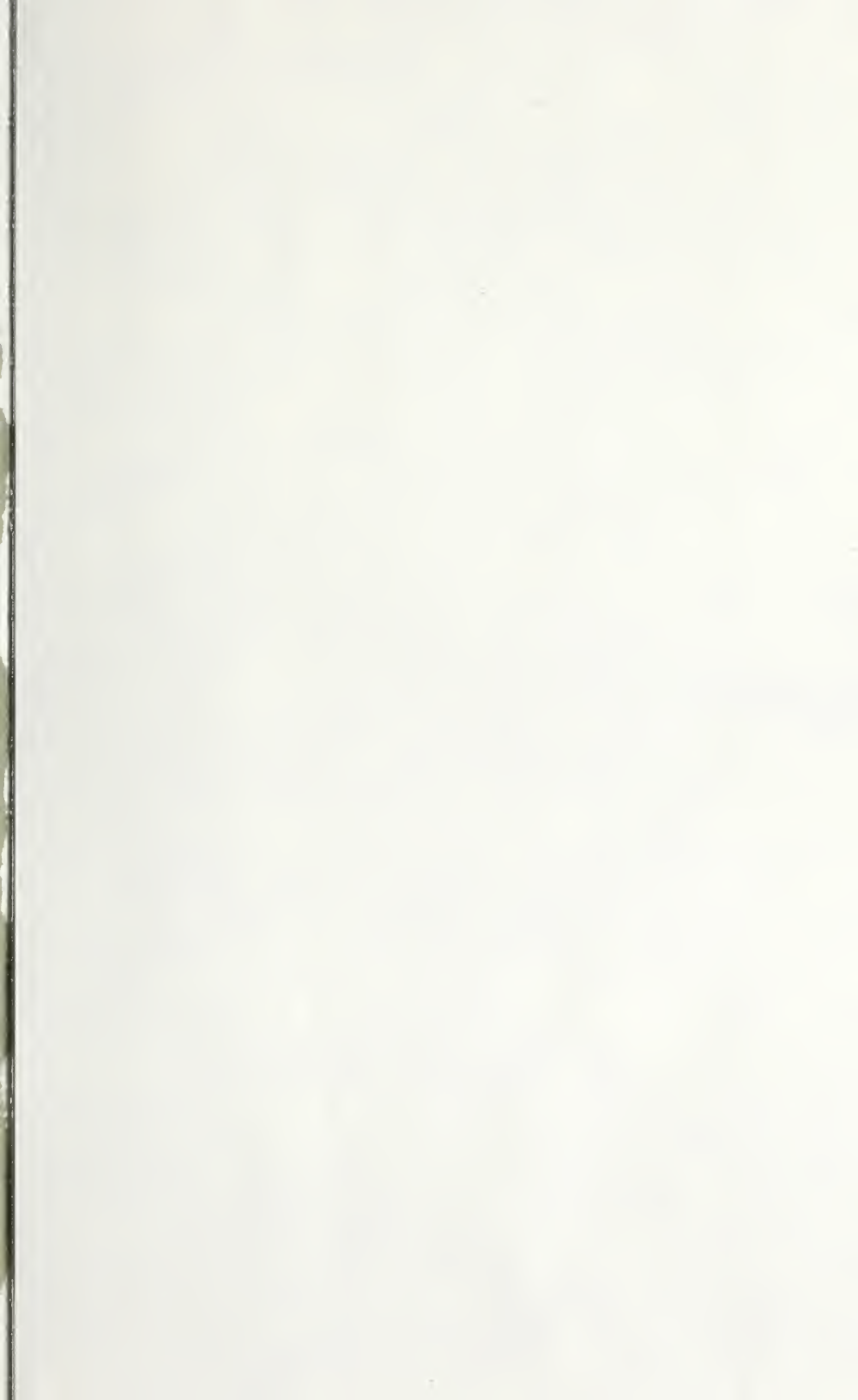


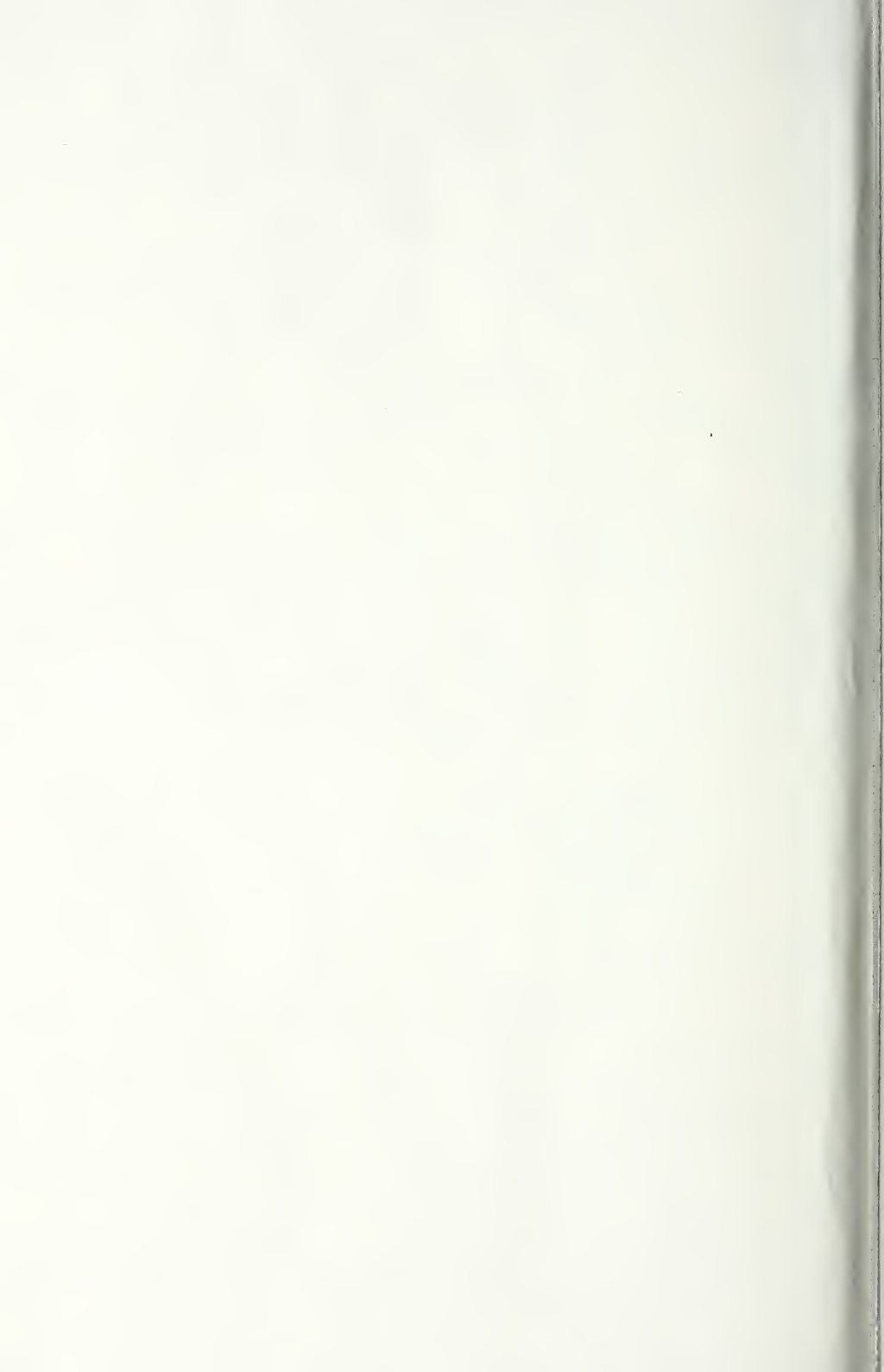












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